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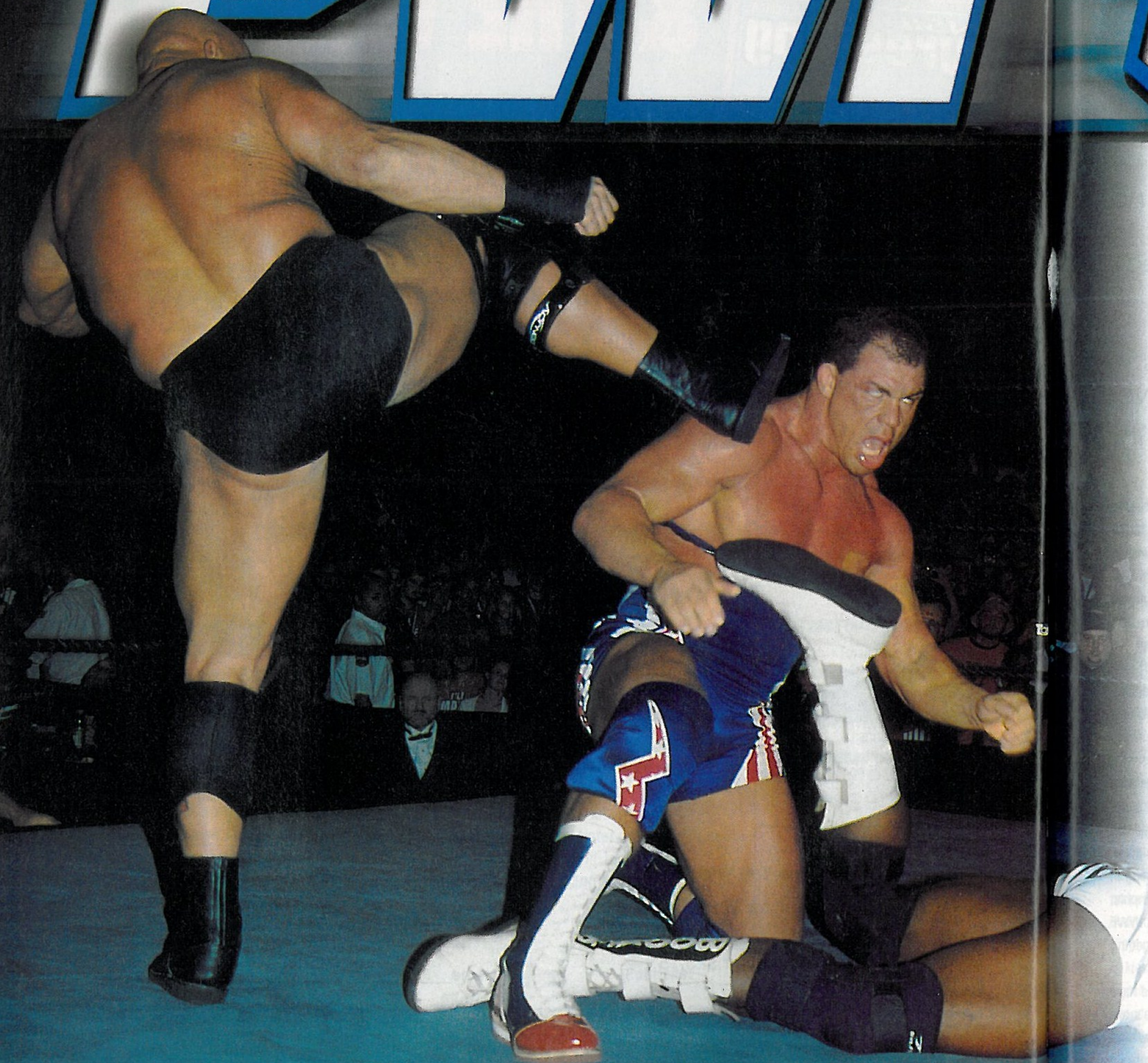
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PWI 500



Wait, we can explain!

WELL, AT LEAST we'll try to explain.

It's like this: There are 500 wrestlers our rankings. Only 500. "Only 500?" you might be asking. "You mean there are more that aren't on the list?"

Pardon us. Managing Editor Brandi Mankiewicz is laughing too loud for us to concentrate. *Shhhh.*

Why, yes, there are quite a bit more than 500. Maybe twice that many. The "PWI 500" is not an exhaustive ranking of every wrestler in the sport (exhausting, maybe, but not exhaustive). It might have been when we first started this tradition more than a decade ago, but certainly no longer. Being ranked number 500 used to be a dubious distinction. Not anymore. The wrestler who holds the spot is the envy of every one that failed to make the list.

Is the talent better than it was 10 years ago? That could figure into the equation. But more significantly, the consolidation of wrestling's Big Three has opened up avenues for independent promotions both in terms of operating room and the availability of talent with top-of-the-card drawing power. Consequently, more wrestlers are getting an opportunity, which means more wrestlers are getting an opportunity to shine.

The criteria for making the list, while definitive at first glance, leaves an incredible amount of room for interpretation. All of the following are considered.

- Won-loss record
- Technical ability
- Impact on the sport
- Success against the highest grade of competition
- Success against the most diverse competition
- Activity

One of the common misconceptions is that the "PWI 500" is a ranking for the calendar year January through December. It is not. The "grading period" runs from August 2000 through August 2001. While this is fortuitous for the many of the WCW wrestlers who have seen very little action since the company's last show on March 26, the amount of matches a wrestler had during the 12-month period is given strong consideration.

A wrestler who has lost significant time due to injury can either be dropped off the list entirely (in which case he will be listed in "Farewell To The 500" with a disabled list—DL—designation) or placed in what might appear to be an inappropriate spot, i.e. Rob Van Dam (for the second straight year) at 59.

So, as it turns out, there really is very little to explain. Most of you are veterans to the "500." You know that while the editors put their hearts and souls into its creation, we don't claim it's infallible. People will be ranked where they shouldn't and some who belong on this list will be left off entirely. We're human. We make mistakes. And while there will be 500 broken hearts among those who fail to make the grade, there is next year to look forward to. After 11 years, that much we can guarantee.

As always, we welcome your feedback on the "500." You can reach us at "PWI 500," P.O. Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Or you can e-mail us at pro wrestlingillustrated@yahoo.com

[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and rating in the 2000 "PWI 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. A complete list of wrestlers ranked in 2000 but not 2001, as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "PWI 500," follow the listings.]

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Kurt Angle

(6'1", 232, 2, 13)

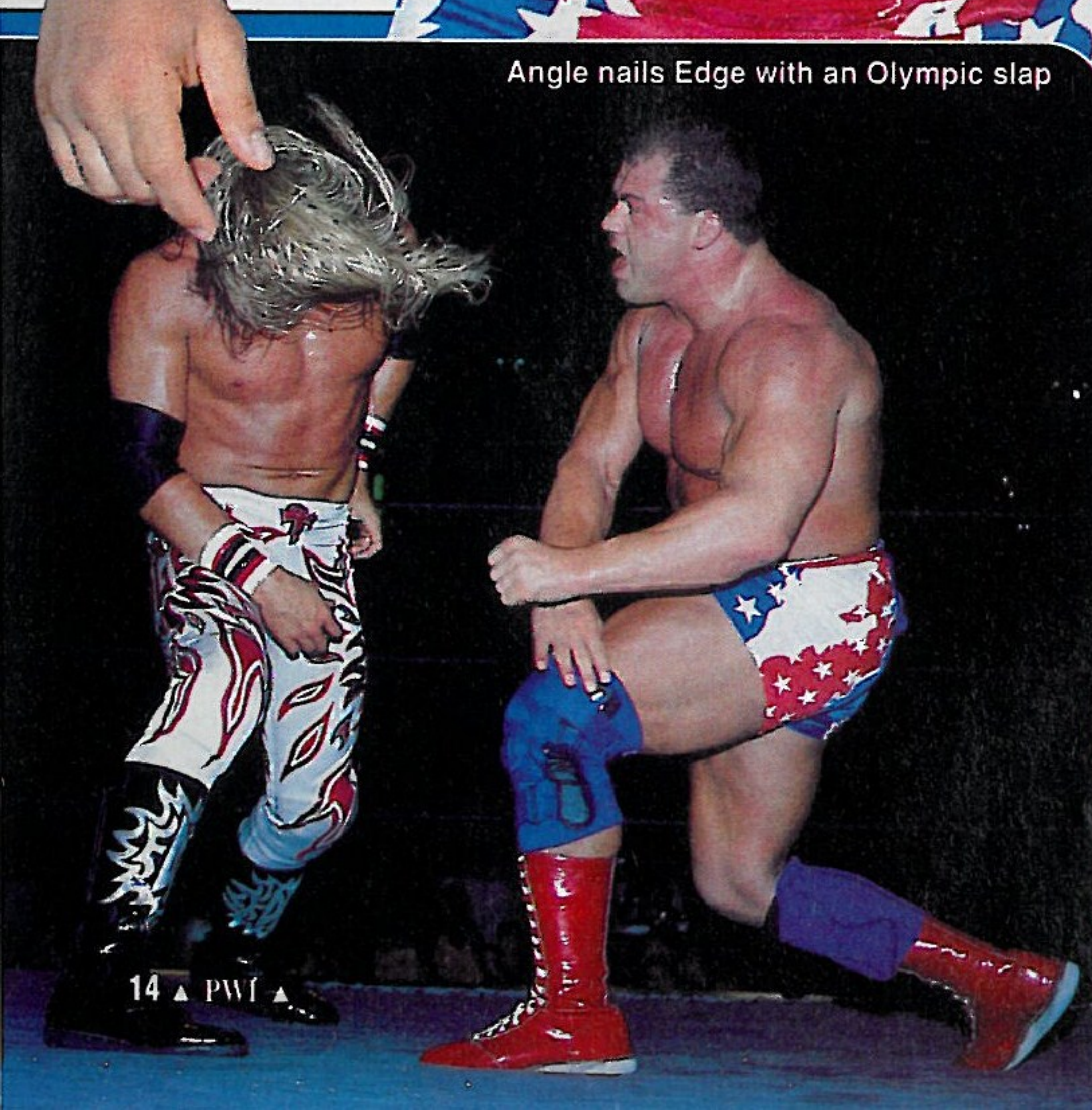
TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated The Rock at No Mercy to win the WWF World title. 2. Defeated Booker T to win the WCW World title. 3. Won a "Hell In A Cell" match against The Rock, Steve Austin, Rikishi, Triple-H, and The Undertaker at Armageddon. 4. Beat Shane McMahon in a streetfight at the King of the Ring after having wrestled two other matches earlier on in the card. 5. Retained the WWF World title by beating The Undertaker at Survivor Series.

HE SAID IT: "And the honors keep coming! After only two years in the WWF, it's all just so overwhelming. It really is. Here I am, still learning about the sport every day, and now this. I'd like to thank all the editors who voted for me, because I know it must've been a tough decision—and one that wasn't made easily. Triple-H, The Rock, Steve Austin, Booker T, all those guys had great years, too. Really, any one of us could've been number one. Hopefully, I'll live up to the honor over the course of the next year. Again, thank you all very much. I appreciate it."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 13th in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: As the grading period for the "500" came to a close, Angle had just defeated Booker T for the WCW World heavyweight title. That win cinched him the "500's" top spot. That huge victory also started him on his first full-fledged run as a fan favorite. It should be interesting to see how he adjusts to the change. As a heel, he was able to play the *Leave It To Beaver*-era dork quite well. As a fan favorite, however, he's still a relative unknown. Along with The Rock, he's also going to be expected to carry the WWF's flag against the WCW/ECW Alliance. So far, he's proven himself more than capable of doing so. But will his resolve be there months from now? While some wrestling insiders have their doubts, we don't. He didn't become one of amateur wrestling's all-time greats by shying away from challenges. This year's "PWI 500" winner might very well be starting his most impressive year yet. Can you say repeat?

Angle nails Edge with an Olympic slap



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Steve Austin

(6'2", 252, 12, NL)

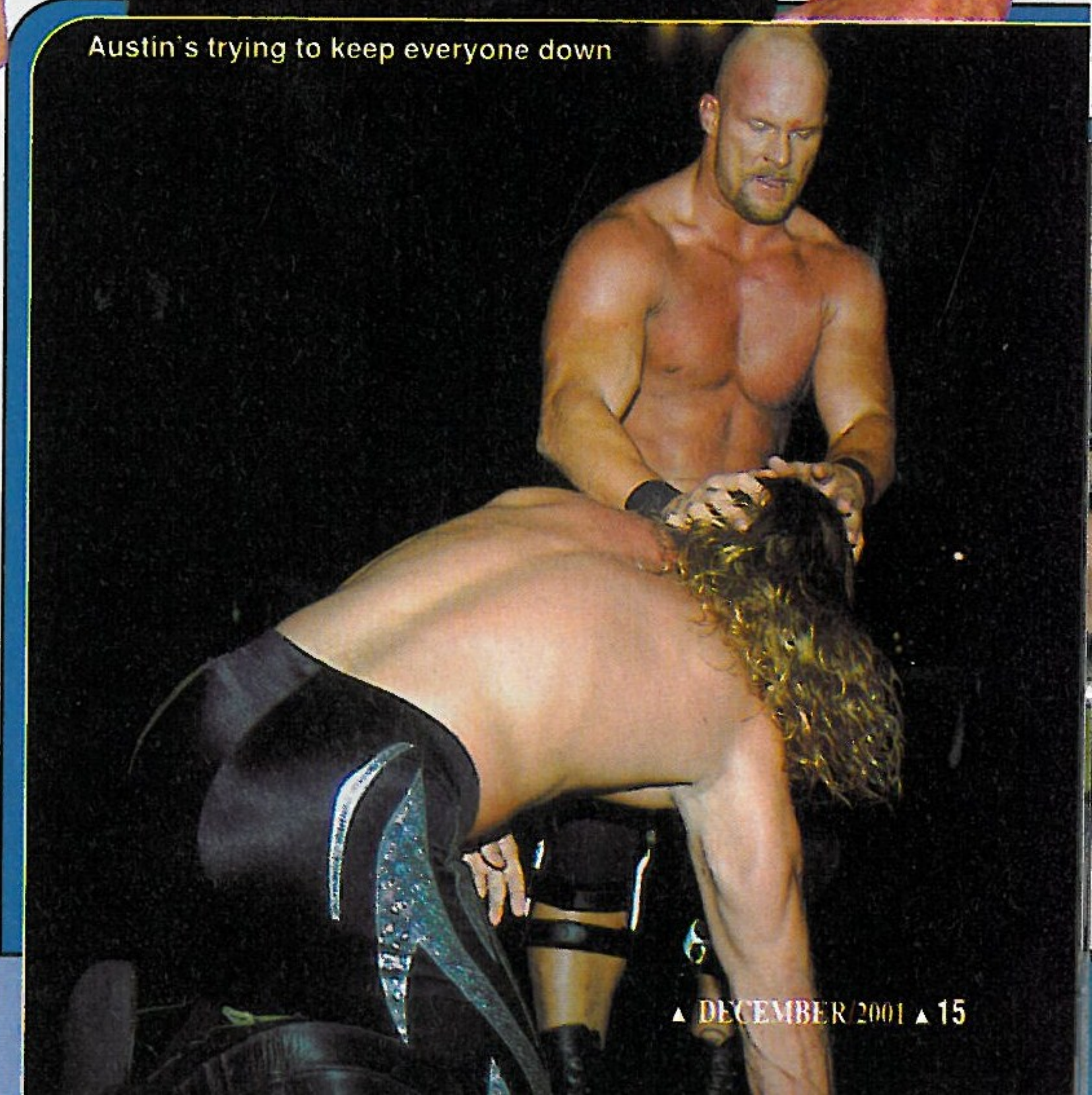
TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated The Rock in a no-holds-barred match at WrestleMania X-Seven to win his fourth WWF World title. 2. At Invasion, turned against Team WWF and joined the WCW/ECW Alliance. 3. Won the 30-man Royal Rumble. 4. With Triple-H, defeated The Undertaker and Kane to win the WWF World tag team title. 5. Retained the WWF World title by beating Chris Benoit and Chris Jericho in a triple-threat match at the King of the Ring.

HE SAID IT: "I come back from nearly career-ending surgery, win the WWF World heavyweight and World tag team titles and only get a number two? For two years in a row I held the top spot, and now you want to give it to that mealy-mouthed Kurt Angle? What are you people thinking? I beat The Rock. I beat The Undertaker. I even beat Chris Jericho and Chris Benoit at the same damn time! What more does a man have to prove? Heck, in one of my first matches back I beat Rikishi in a steel cage match! Yet you still gave the number-one position to Angle. Why? Because he's a clean-cut American hero? *Nah-ah!* That don't cut it. That don't mean nothin' to me. I guess I'll just have to go stomp a mudhole through his sorry Olympic ass."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 31st in 1991; 10th in 1992; 23rd in 1993; 6th in 1994; 43rd in 1995; 22nd in 1996; 3rd in 1997; 1st in 1998; 1st in 1999; DL in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Nobody saw "Stone-Cold's" turn at Invasion coming. It completely took Vince McMahon and WWF fans everywhere off guard. Now he's heading up a coalition of mostly former WWF-midcarders and WCW wrestlers who weren't going to get over with WWF fans without a little rub. Austin will provide that rub (he's the Alliance's biggest star by a wide margin), but how much of WCW's taint will rub off on him at the same time? Despite what he's said, Austin didn't jump to the Alliance because Vince McMahon wasn't hugging him enough. That's a load of garbage. Austin's jump was completely done for strategic reasons. The WWF is in need of pushing new stars. The Alliance, on the other hand, is in need of some veteran leadership and star power. Austin's jump allows him to continue to be the star without watching the Angles, Jerichos, and Benois of the WWF slowly sneak up behind him. Besides, as the WWF champion and a member of the Alliance, he has formidable backup. His current World title reign might turn out to be his longest ever.

Austin's trying to keep everyone down



3

Chris Benoit

(5'10", 218, 15, 3)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. With Chris Jericho, beat Steve Austin and Triple-H for the WWF World tag team title. 2. Defeated Billy Gunn to win his third Intercontinental title at Armageddon. 3. Defeated Kurt Angle in a 30-minute "Ultimate Submission" match at Backlash. 4. Defeated Chris Jericho in a best-of-three-falls match at SummerSlam. 5. With Chris Jericho, retained the WWF World tag team title by defeating The Hardy Boyz, Edge and Christian, and The Dudley Boyz in a TLC match.

HE SAID IT: "There's supposed to be no glass ceiling in the WWF, but here I am at number three for the second year in a row. I guess that glass ceiling is there, it must just be awfully high, making it kind of hard to see. I had my opportunities, though. They were there. If 'Stone-Cold' Steve Austin didn't turn out to be such a great cheat, I may have even won the WWF World title. Jericho and I had a pretty good run, too. Both of us had Austin on the ropes more times than he'd care to remember. And when I come back from neck surgery, I'm going to be as fresh as ever and my head is going to be on straight. I know what I have to accomplish, I just have to get it done. The only thing that'll prevent me from winning that gold is myself—and I don't plan on letting that happen."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 107th in 1991; 99th in 1992; 44th in 1993; 43rd in 1994; 46th in 1995; 18th in 1996; 10th in 1997; 19th in 1998; 20th in 1999; 3rd in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: As his quote above tells you, Benoit is a confident man. He truly believes he'll be ready to challenge for the WWF World title when he returns from neck surgery, which may happen as late as mid-2002. We're not so sure. Any surgery can take a whole lot out of a man; neck surgery can be particularly devastating. "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin defied the odds by coming back from his neck surgery this year healthier and stronger than ever. According to sources, Benoit's recovery is coming along as well as can be hoped. That's the good news. The bad news is that Benoit may not have enough in-ring time to qualify for next year's "500." We'll have to wait and see. Hopefully, he'll be a part of the WWF's mix sooner rather than later. Wouldn't it be neat to see him go after the WCW World title? Remember that he gave up that belt to jump to the WWF way back in January 2000. We're pretty sure he'd like to wear it again.

Benoit seems to always be stuck in the middle

4

Keiji Muto

(6'1", 245, 17, 22)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Won the All-Japan Triple Crown title from Genichiro Tenryu on June 8. 2. Defeated Toshiaki Kawada of All-Japan Pro Wrestling on April 14 to earn a Triple Crown title shot. 3. Successfully defended the Triple Crown title on July 14 against Steve Williams at Nippon Budokan. 4. Formed the Cross Wizards (later re-named BATT), a group of wrestlers from promotions throughout Japan. 5. Defeated longtime rival Hiroshi Hase on June 6 in their first singles encounter in several years.

HE SAID IT: "The staff of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED honors me with a distinguished position of prominence in this year's '500.' I am grateful that my fans across the globe have witnessed my competitive spirit and hard work this year, not only in New Japan, but in All-Japan as well. By crossing over into new groups, I hope to win over new fans, and prove myself worthy of being counted among the 10 best wrestlers in the world. The next year will be a time for revolution in Japan, and I will lead the Cross Wizards on to greatness. I am ready for all challenges to the Triple Crown, whether they come from Asia, North America, or anywhere else on the planet."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 20th in 1991; 25th in 1992; 19th in 1993; 15th in 1994; 13th in 1995; 32nd in 1996; 37th in 1997; 58th in 1998; 7th in 1999; 22nd in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Muto has the attention of the Japanese wrestling world, and he's no stranger to the spotlight. He's been one of New Japan's most enduring stars, and now with the Triple Crown around his waist, and the Cross Wizard team at his side, Muto is poised to become the biggest attraction in puroresu. Popping up in All-Japan, and pretty much anywhere he likes, Muto can finally challenge some of the other greats in his native country, where promotional politics had hampered him before. Only a year ago, critics thought Muto had finally begun his descent, peaking in 1999, and beginning to decline. Once again, he has proven himself to be a resilient star, unpredictable and virtually unequaled, and has risen to the top once more.

Muto still has a beautiful dropkick

Booker T

(6'3", 250, 11, 61)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Kevin Nash in a cage match at Fall Brawl to win his second WCW World title. 2. Defeated Scott Steiner to win his fourth WCW World title. 3. Defeated Kurt Angle in the first-ever WCW vs. WWF televised inter-promotional match. 4. Defeated Jeff Jarrett in a 49ers match to win his third WCW World title. 5. Defeated Rick Steiner at Greed for the U.S. heavyweight title.

HE SAID IT: "August 2000 to August 2001 saw a whole lot of changes in this business, and I helped to instigate many of them. Plus, I won the WCW World title three times in that time period, so I think I'm right where I belong. Maybe I could've ranked a little bit higher, but I'll take what I can get—especially from *PWI*. Ranking in the 60s for two consecutive years tends to humble a man. Finally, though, it looks like *PWI*'s editors have smartened up and given me my due. Lord knows I deserve to be in the top five. Notice how Scott Steiner and Jeff Jarrett didn't join WCW's invasion of the WWF? It's because they knew that I was going to be around, and I schooled those two chump suckas nearly every day I saw 'em."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 390th in 1991; 200th in 1992; 182nd in 1993; 89th in 1995; 86th in 1996; 84th in 1997; 7th in 1998; 60th in 1999; 61st in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: When Booker T helped Shane McMahon lead WCW's invasion of the WWF, it was surprising to see and hear how much the WWF fan base disdained him. All of those boos were undeserving—at least at the beginning of WCW's invasion, anyway. When WCW was still owned by Time Warner, Booker had emerged as one of the promotion's cornerstones. Fans flocked to ringside just to touch him and often camped out overnight just to get a change to meet him. Booker T, in every way, was a fan's wrestler. So it's hard to fault him for turning his back on the fans during the WCW/ECW invasion. The fans turned on him first. We have a feeling, though, that Booker's not going to remain a heel for long. It's just not in him anymore. Somewhere down the line, the WCW/ECW Alliance will go too far in its war with the WWF. That's when Booker T will jump ship and join the fed.

Booker T towers over Kurt Angle

Triple-H

(6'5", 284, 10, 1)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Steve Austin in a best-of-three-falls match at No Way Out. 2. Defeated Chris Jericho for his third Intercontinental title. 3. With Steve Austin, beat The Undertaker and Kane to win the WWF World tag team title at Backlash. 4. Defeated Kurt Angle at Unforgiven. 5. Defeated Jeff Hardy to win his fourth Intercontinental title.

HE SAID IT: "It would have been damn hard for me to repeat as number one when I've been away from the ring for a couple of months rehabbing my quadriceps. It's not like I wasn't raising hell before I went out with the leg injury. Before that happened, I was still the WWF's most dominant wrestler. Nobody else was even close to being on the level that I was on—not even ol' 'Stone-Cold.' And next year I promise that I'll be back on top of the heap. Nothing is gonna hold me back from doin' whatever it is I wanna do. I don't think that there's a person in the WWF, or in the WCW/ECW Alliance, for that matter, who knows what they're in for once I return. It's gonna be a party."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 225th in 1994; 84th in 1995; 79th in 1996; 31st in 1997; 24th in 1998; 26th in 1999; 1st in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Triple-H is a wildcard in the war between the WWF and the WCW/ECW Alliance. Although he hasn't come out and publicly stated with which side he plans on aligning upon his return (which is slated for November), common sense makes us think he'll join ECW and its new owner, Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley, who also happens to be Hunter's wife. Of course, that might not come to pass since "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin is also a prominent member of the Alliance. You'll remember that Austin blamed Hunter for their World tag team title loss to Chris Benoit and Chris Jericho. Helmsley, though, wasn't to blame; that was the match in which he tore his quadriceps. Then there's the whole Intercontinental title vs. World title fiasco. When Triple-H and Austin aligned, Helmsley settled for the I-C belt and let Austin have the World title. We doubt Triple-H will ever do that again. It hurt his overall stature in the sport way too much. There's not going to be a whole lot of "settling for something" in Triple-H's career from here on out.

Triple-H punishes the Rock

7

Scott Steiner

(6'1", 275, 16, 12)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Booker T in a cage match at Mayhem for the WCW World title. 2. Beat Bill Goldberg in a no-disqualification match at Fall Brawl. 3. Retained the WCW World title by beating Sid Vicious, Jeff Jarrett, and Road Warrior Animal at Sin. 4. Retained the WCW World title and retired Kevin Nash by beating Nash at SuperBrawl Revenge. 5. Retained the WCW World title by beating "Diamond" Dallas Page in a falls-count-anywhere match at Greed.

HE SAID IT: "You chumps got off easy this year. You're just lucky that my year ended in March, when Shane McMahon bought WCW. I could've easily torn it up another couple of months, but politics are politics and 'Big Poppa Pump' is sitting at home instead of strapping on the Steiner recliner every week. If I had kept going the way I was going, there would've been no

way that you guys could've kept me from the top spot. It wouldn't have been possible. That's all right, though. You punks realized that I had a kick ass year even if it did end in March. And just wait till I get in this whole WWF vs. WCW/ECW war. I'm gonna start punking out people left and right. But until then, I'm gonna kick back with my freaks and watch those dopes tear each other apart."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 6th in 1991; 8th in 1992; 10th in 1993; 20th in 1994; 15th in 1995; 15th in 1996; 30th in 1997; 92nd in 1998; 17th in 1999; 12th in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Two things are keeping Scott Steiner out of the WCW/ECW invasion of the WWF at this point in time: a tendon problem and the fact that he's still under contract to AOL Time Warner. If it weren't for those two things, Steiner would've most likely been at the forefront of the invasion. Steiner, though, isn't worried. He's being paid to sit at home and let his injuries heal. It's not bad work if you can get it. And most wrestling observers expect to see Steiner wrestling again shortly after the new year. In fact, Jim Ross, in his weekly Ross Report column, has expressed many times that talks between Steiner and the WWF have gone well and that the federation expects to sign him eventually. When he does debut, he'll certainly give a boost to the federation's ratings. Also, because he'll have been out for so long, he won't have to necessarily debut as a WCW wrestler. Will he return to WCW, or will he join the WWF's roster? Anticipation over his expected arrival should make for an interesting couple of months.

Even Kevin Nash can't intimidate "Big Poppa Pump"



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Mitsuharu Misawa

(6'1", 238, 21, 14)

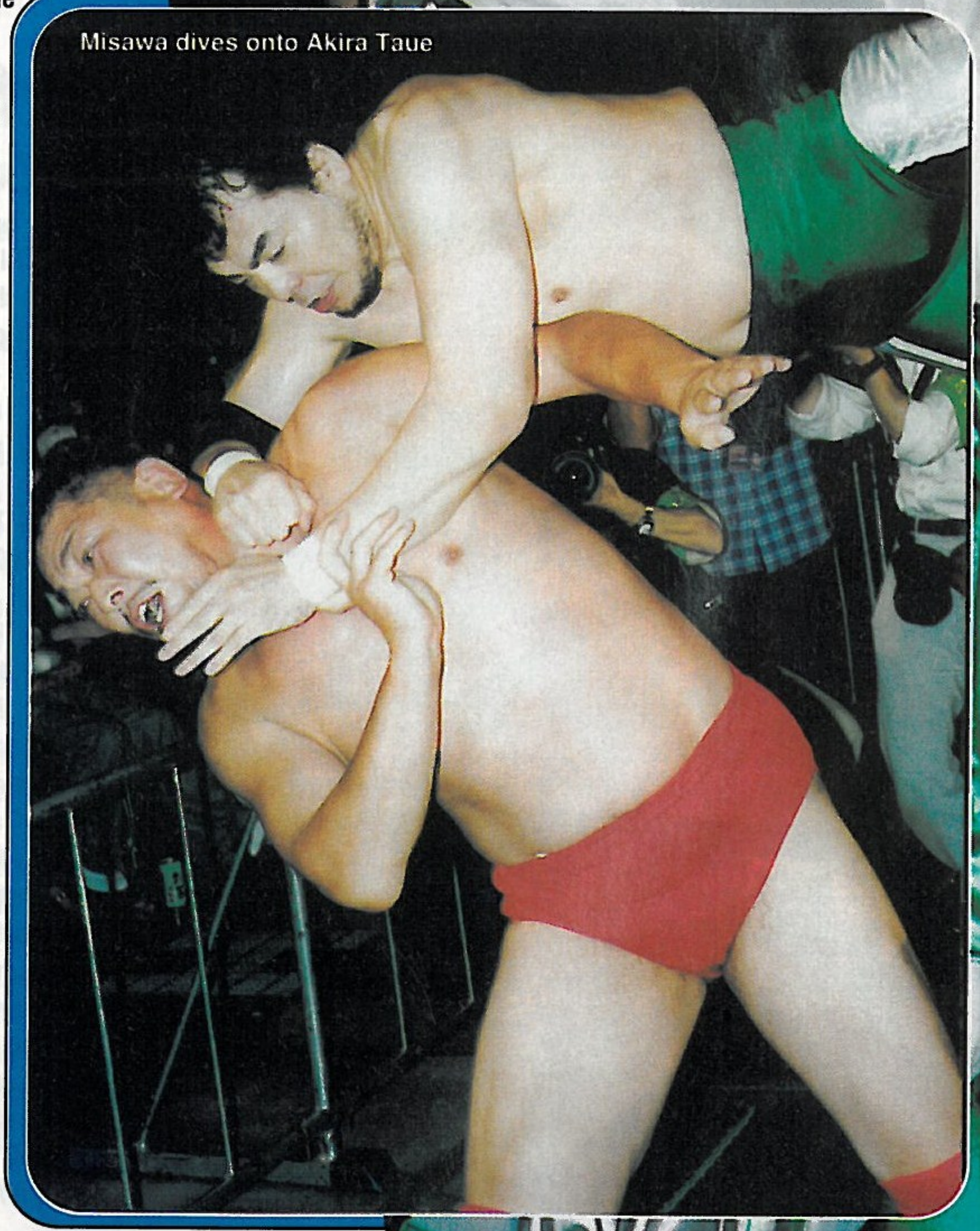
TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Became the first Global Honored Crown champion of the NOAH promotion by defeating Yoshihiro Takayama on April 15. 2. Retained the Global Honored Crowns by defeating top challenger Akira Taue on May 18. 3. Teamed with Jun Akiyama to defeat Shinya Hashimoto and Yuji Nagata on the February 2 Zero-One card. 4. Teamed with Takeshi Rikio to beat Naoya Ogawa and Kazunari Murakami on April 18 at a Zero-One event. 5. Teamed with Yoshinari Ogawa to defeat Shinya Hashimoto and Alexander Otsuka (of Zero-One) on January 13 in a crucial interpromotional match.

HE SAID IT: "It has been a year of many honors for me, not only becoming the NOAH champion, but also being counted among the best wrestlers in the world. Each year I try harder and harder to gain recognition overseas, and it pleases me that my efforts have not gone unnoticed by the staff of Pro Wrestling Illustrated. I want to show all fans of wrestling around the world that I am deserving of this great distinction, and that is why I fight not only in NOAH, but for the first time in my career, I am looking to fight against the greatest wrestlers in other promotions as well. Shinya Hashimoto was just one of many men I must test myself against, to achieve my dream of being recognized as Japan's top pro wrestler."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 187th in 1991; 205th in 1992; 92nd in 1993; 29th in 1994; 10th in 1995; 28th in 1996; 2nd in 1997; 3rd in 1998; 3rd in 1999; 14th in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: It seems like every year, experts predict that it will be Misawa's final streak of greatness, and he's consistently proven them wrong. While he's a little slower, and a bit less spry than in years gone by, Misawa has been reborn in the rings of NOAH, and the creative freedom it has brought him keeps him going strong. As technically sound as any athlete to ever step in the ring, Misawa has the know-how to keep his career heading in the right direction despite all manner of nagging injuries and other setbacks. Now, as the NOAH Global Honored Crown champion, Misawa faces a greater challenge than any opponent he may meet in the ring. Just like his period of dominance in All Japan, Misawa is now saddled with the task of topping himself, so as not to stagnate in the eyes of his fans. We have only to underestimate him though, and, like usual, Misawa will once again surprise us with his staying power and fighting spirit.

Misawa dives onto Akira Taue



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Chris Jericho

(5'10", 225, 11, 9)

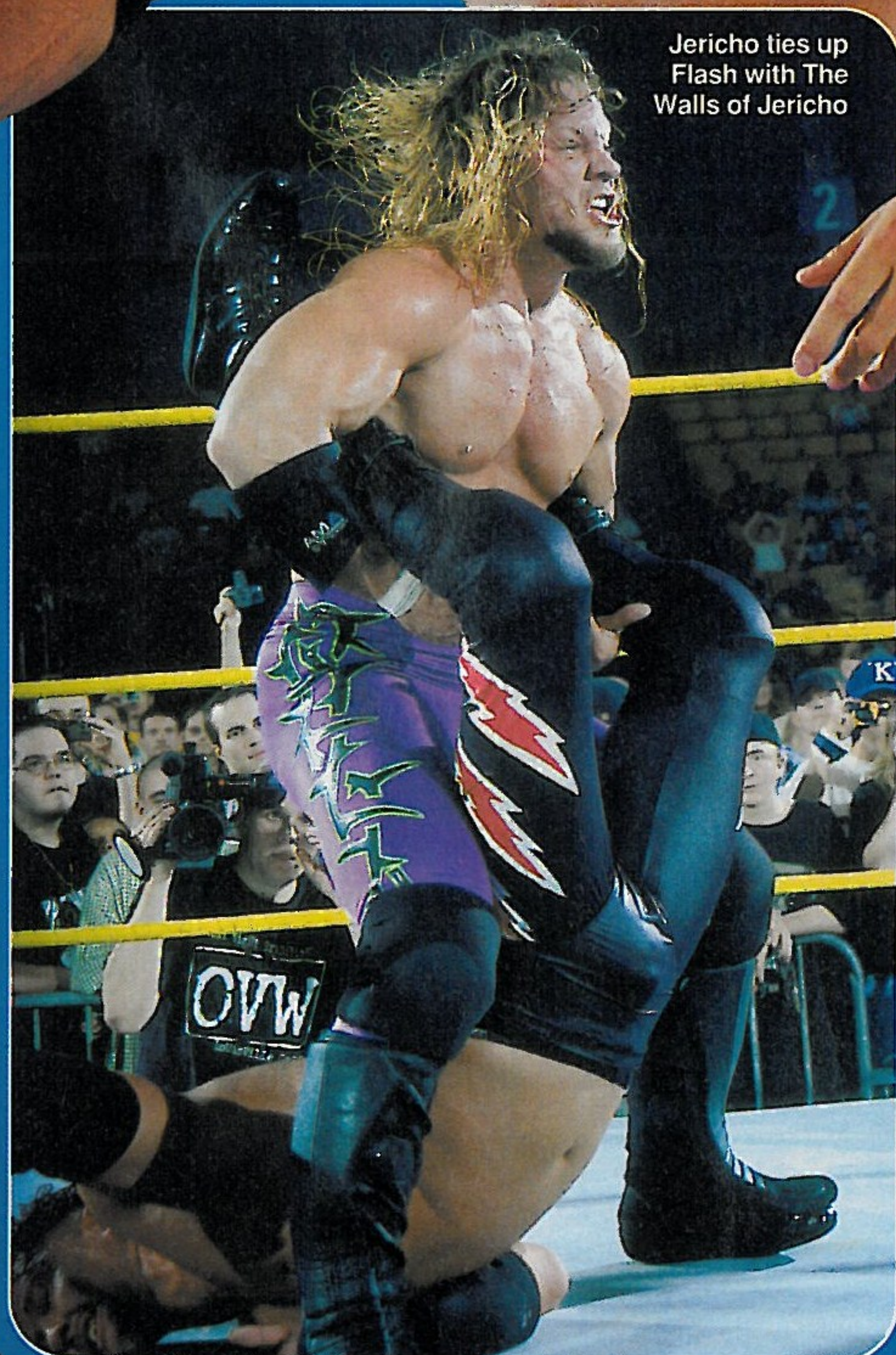
TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Chris Benoit in a ladder match at the Royal Rumble to win his third Intercontinental title. 2. Beat Kane in a "Last Man Standing" match at Armageddon. 3. With Chris Benoit, defeated Steve Austin and Triple-H to win the WWF World tag team title. 4. Almost captured the WCW World title on *Raw*, but interference by Shane McMahon saved Booker T's title. 5. Beat X-Pac in a cage match at No Mercy.

HE SAID IT: "This past year didn't go quite as planned, but that's okay. I showed the world that I can hang with the Triple-Hs and 'Stone-Cold' Steve Austins of the WWF. Chris [Benoit] and I had Austin on the run for so long, he didn't know which way was up! I was also one of the five men Vince McMahon picked to help defend the WWF's honor in the 'Inaugural Brawl' at Invasion, and I believe I held up my end of the bargain that night. Slowly I am proving to myself and to everyone else that I have what it takes to be one of this sport's biggest stars. And with the support of all my 'Jerichoholics,' there is no way that I can be denied for much longer. My time isn't coming. My time is now. Let's break the walls down!"

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 42nd in 1996; 26th in 1997; 10th in 1998; 29th in 1999; 9th in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Hopefully, up. Jericho has been on the cusp of the WWF's top tier for so long that we're starting to wonder if he'll ever become a full-time main-eventer. Vince McMahon only seems to be able to stomach him for so long. That's strange, considering he has all the talent of a Shawn Michaels without Michaels' flair for detrimental backstage antics. Plus, the fans love the guy. WWF fans buy his T-shirts religiously, and arena fans consistently give him vociferous and positive ovations whenever his entrance is cued. If anything is holding him back, it's his in-ring style, which draws from his years wrestling in Japan. For the WWF, it may be a little too spotty, but Jericho's fans pop for his lionsault and springboard dropkick maneuvers. Maybe it's time that the WWF's office comes around to them as well. Jericho's been the next big thing for too many years now. It's time that he finally fulfills what many consider to be his destiny.

Jericho ties up Flash with The Walls of Jericho



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Rhyno

(5'11", 285, 7, 19)

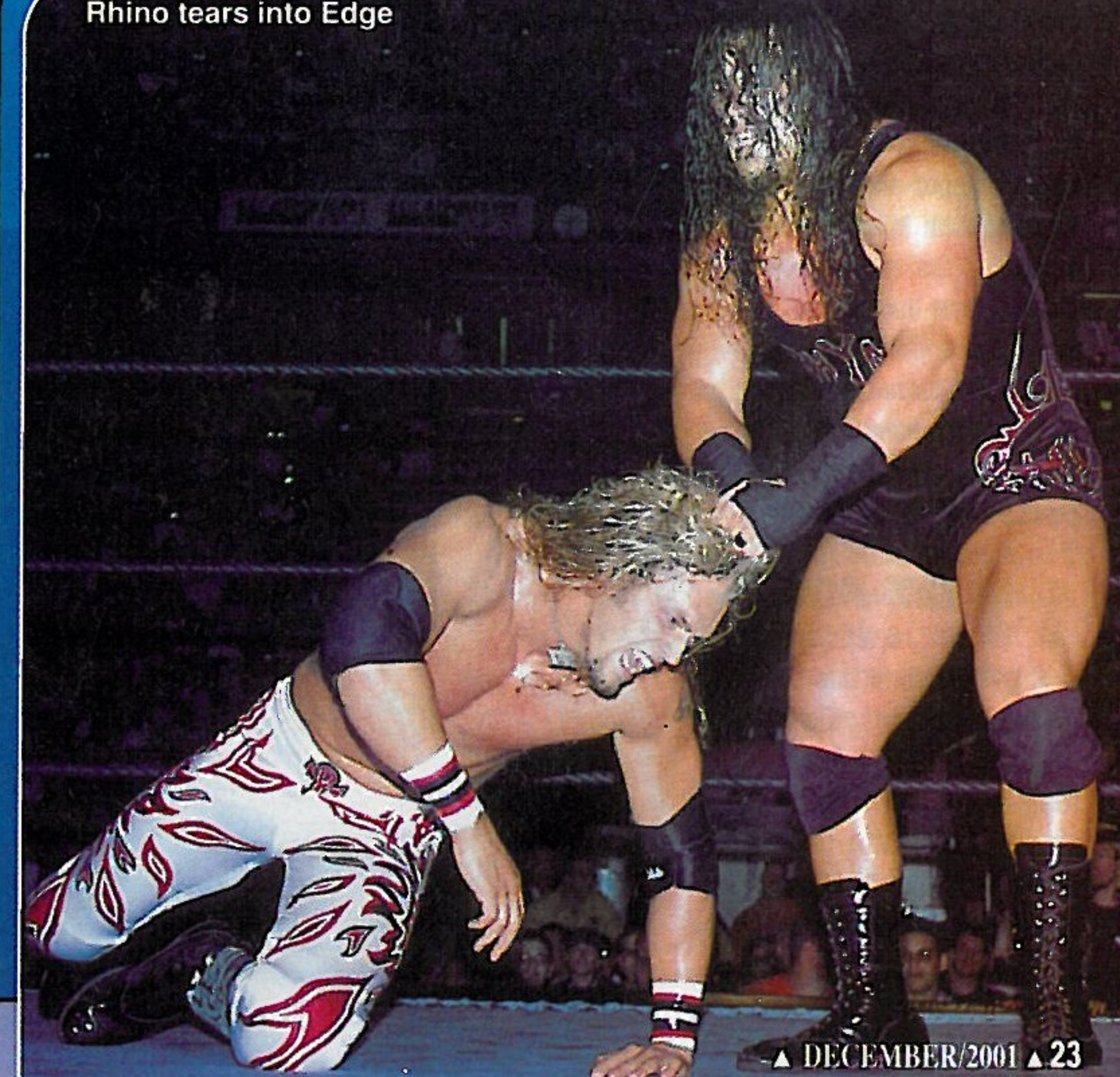
TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated The Sandman at Guilty as Charged to win the ECW World title. 2. Defeated Kane to win his first WWF hardcore title. 3. Defeated Kid Kash to win the ECW TV title. 4. Retained the ECW TV title by beating Rob Van Dam at Anarchy Rulz. 5. Retained the WWF hardcore title by beating The Big Show and Test in a three-way match at Judgment Day.

HE SAID IT: "Oh, boy, I guess I must've finally made it now! Yeah, right. What's the big deal? It's not like I went out and did anything special to be in the top 10. I just went out and did what I've been doing for years now. I guess the fact that I did so much of my killin' people in the WWF is the difference maker, huh? Is that what I'm to believe? Because if that's the case, you can keep your stupid top 10 ranking. I wanna know if I would've been in the top 10 had I never been forced to jump to the WWF because Vince McMahon forced ECW out of business! I can't believe I would have. Look at how long it took *PWI* to give ECW World title status! Like I said, if this is because of my successes in the WWF, you morons can keep it. I'm ECW."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 398th in 1997; 241st in 1999; 19th in 2000

WHERE HE'S HEADED: If his size wasn't such an issue, we'd say Rhyno would be headed straight to the WWF's top tier. But his size is an issue; when he stood face to face with Albert this summer, it was more like face to chest. That kind of disadvantage is hard to overcome—especially when you're faced with it night after night. But like Kurt Angle said when he first met the guy, Rhyno's intelligence and integrity are questionable, but he's definitely full of intensity. The fact that Paul Heyman is one of Rhyno's biggest fans can't hurt either. Prior to the WCW/ECW invasion of the WWF, Rhyno was dominant. It seemed like he was on the fast track to at least the Intercontinental title. Unfortunately for Rhyno, that all changed the minute ECW was introduced into the WCW invasion. Suddenly Rob Van Dam and Lance Storm were making more headlines and winning bigger matches for the ECW faction. If Rhyno hopes to see continued success, he has to turn it up and win a title or two. If he doesn't, he's headed for page 24.

Rhino tears into Edge

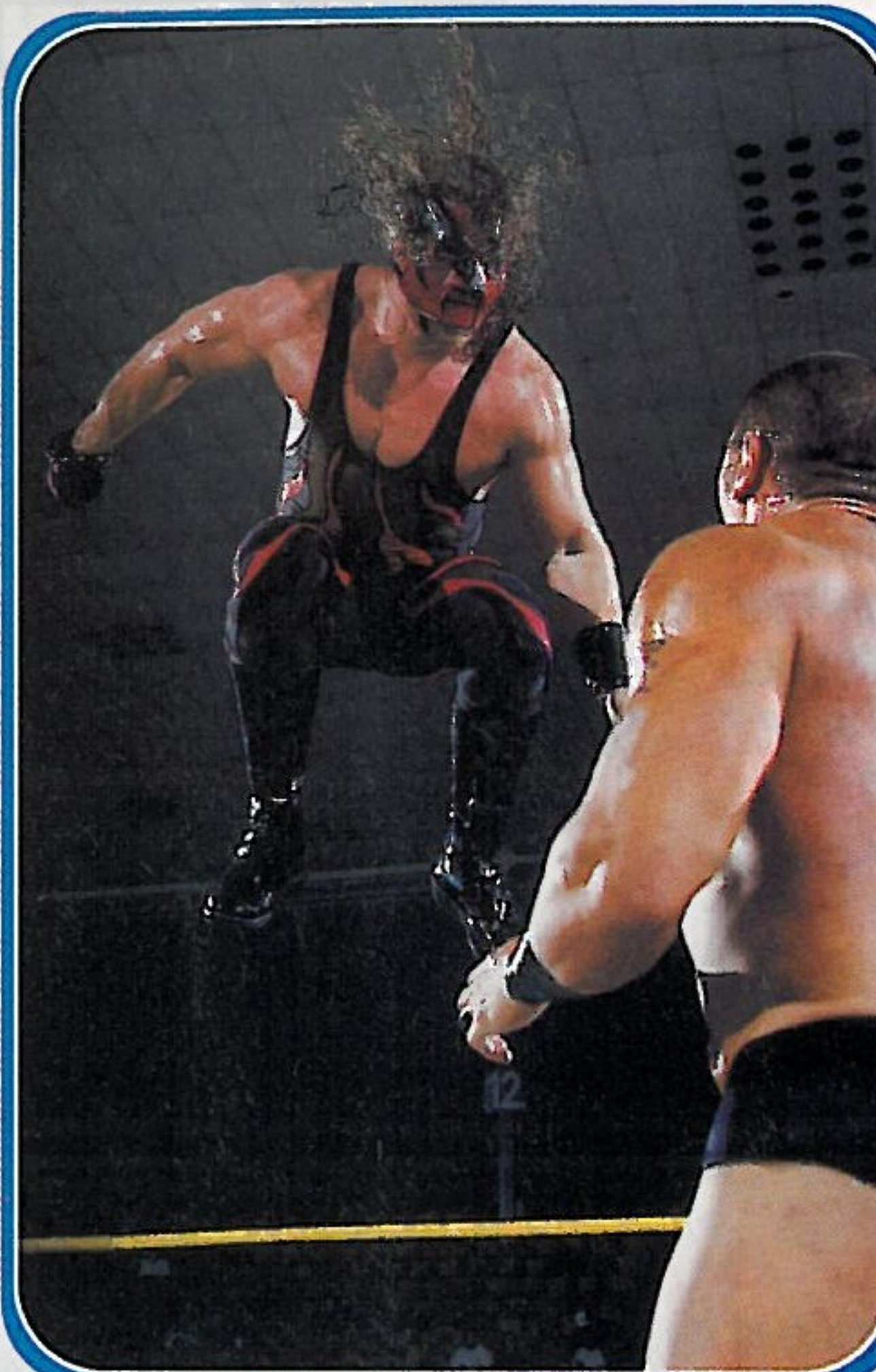


11 THE UNDERTAKER (6'9", 328, 13, NL) Brought his WrestleMania win-loss record to an unmatched 8-0 by defeating Triple-H this year ... Reunited with Kane to beat Christian and Edge for the WWF World tag team title ... They lost the belts to the "Two-Man Power Trip," Steve Austin and Triple-H, at Backlash ... Emerged as WWF locker room leader in the initial stages of the WCW invasion ... Didn't quite succeed in quenching his thirst for vengeance against Dallas Page, who revealed himself as the stalker of 'Taker's wife, Sara ... Has remained relatively healthy despite an injury-plagued 1999 and 2000 ... Dropped the tombstone piledriver as his finisher at the WWF's request in favor of the last ride power bomb.

12 GENICHIRO TENRYU (6'1", 275, 25, 90) This popular former All-Japan Triple Crown champ has fought for New Japan, the WAR group, and countless other promotions in the past ... Defeated Toshiaki Kawada in the finals of the tournament for the Triple Crown and was dominant for months ... Eventually lost the title to Keiji Muto ... Also won the annual "Champion's Carnival" round-robin tournament, defeating finalist Taiyo Kea in a tough match ... Feared for his brutal chops to the neck and throat ... Former sumo star can still take to the air to execute his signature enzuigiri ... Finishes opponents with a series of folding power bombs.

13 LANCE STORM (5'10", 231, 11, 40) Dropped the U.S. title to Terry Funk for one day during a Texas tour in September 2000 ... Emerged triumphant in his title feud with Gen. Rection (Hugh Morrus) by December ... His recruitment of Mike Awesome—and unloading of Jim Duggan—promised to reinvigorate Team Canada at the beginning of 2001, but it fizzled instead ... Was the first WCW star to invade the WWF, as he made a surprise appearance at *Raw* in Calgary in May ... Reunited with Mike Awesome as part of the ECW faction ... Can a reunion with fellow Impact Player Justin Credible be far off? ... Interference by Awesome and Morrus helped him beat Albert for the Intercontinental title on July 23 ... Executes maybe the most precise dropkick in wrestling.

14 THE ROCK (6'4", 272, 6, 2) Captured his sixth WWF World title from Kurt Angle in February ... Defended the title against Steve Austin in the long-awaited rematch from WrestleMania XV ... Austin conspired with Vince McMahon to rob Rock of the belt at WrestleMania X-



Seven ... Triple-H joined the unholy alliance by helping Austin and McMahon attack Rock the following night ... McMahon suspended Rock indefinitely ... That was convenient since he had accepted the starring role in *The Scorpion King*, the prequel to the highly successful *Mummy* and *Mummy II*, which was just starting filming ... May have surpassed Austin as the most recognizable wrestler in the mainstream media ... Improved his submission and chain wrestling skills in 2000-01.

15 EL HIJO DEL SANTO (5'6", 170, 19, 15) Incredibly popular *technico* is a cultural icon in Mexico, where he is fondly called El Enmascarado de Plata, or "The Man In The Silver Mask" ... Wears the famed mask of his father, El Santo ... Made his return to acting this year when he starred in an action movie in the style of his



father's Lucha-based films from the 1950s ... Feuds with El Hijo del Diablo and Nicho el Milionario ... Challenged Perro Aguayo repeatedly in the last year, but hasn't been able to get a hair vs. mask match signed ... Appeared briefly in All-Japan Pro Wrestling this year ... Finisher is *el caballo*, a version of the camel clutch.

16 KANE (6'7", 345, 7, 34) Displayed a more aggressive image in late-2000 and early-2001 ... Teaming with The Undertaker, however, softened that image considerably ... Exhibits good comedic timing by ridiculing his own character in commercials and off-beat promos ... Called a yammering Tajiri a "freak" on a recent edition of *Smackdown* ... He and The Undertaker beat Christian and Edge for the WWF World tag team title in April ... They lost the championship to Steve Austin and Triple-H at Backlash ... Defeated Triple-H for the Intercontinental belt at Judgment Day ... Albert's victory over Kane for the same title was a huge upset, though Albert was helped by Dallas Page.

17 JEFF HARDY (6', 211, 7, 30) Captured two more WWF World tag team titles with his brother, Matt, late in 2000 and another this year ... His upset victory over Triple-H for the Intercontinental belt was hailed as his breakthrough match, but its significance faded once Triple-H regained the gold six days later ... His hardcore title win ensured he wouldn't lose all momentum ... Lost the belt to Rob Van Dam in the most spectacular match of Invasion ... The much-anticipated Hardy Boyz breakup hasn't happened ... Didn't suffer any major injuries during the past year, despite frequent use of his swanton bomb finisher.

18 TOSHIAKI KAWADA (5'10", 230, 20, 32) Tumultuous year for All-Japan Pro Wrestling's top star ... Crossed over to New Japan for a series of interpromotional matches that were met with terrific fanfare ... Defeated Kensuke Sasaki in their first meeting ... Eventually battled Sasaki again, for the vacant IWGP heavyweight title, but that match went to Sasaki ... Was upset by another New Japan star, Keiji Muto, and that loss bumped him out of the running for a Triple Crown title shot ... Suffers from occasional double-vision in one of his eyes ... Teams with another All-Japan veteran, Masa Fuchi, from time to time ... Signature hold is the stretch plum, and his favorite finisher is the folding power bomb.

19 DALLAS PAGE (6'5", 260, 10, 17) Perhaps the most consistent performer in the "PWI 500" during the last five years ... His run as the heel leader of The Triad wasn't particularly memorable ... Surprised everyone by revealing himself as the dastardly stalker of The Undertaker's wife, Sara ... Must have picked up some tips when David Flair was stalking his wife, Kimberly, last year ... He could become the inspirational leader of WCW again ... A Diamond cutter vs. Stone-Cold stunner match between Page and Austin would be a must-see.

20 EDGE (6'4", 240, 8, 51) His comic rapport with Christian remained a highlight during the past year ... E & C captured their seventh WWF World tag team title at WrestleMania X-Seven ... They beat The Dudley Boyz and The Hardy Boyz in TLC II, a rematch from SummerSlam ... The Undertaker and Kane defeated them for the tag belts in April ... Edge took his biggest step toward becoming a WWF singles star by beating Kurt Angle in the King of the Ring tournament final—with help from Shane McMahon ... Who's more jealous of his King of the Ring victory, former king Billy Gunn or "best bud" Christian? ... His off-the-ladder spear is, to borrow his words, totally awesome.

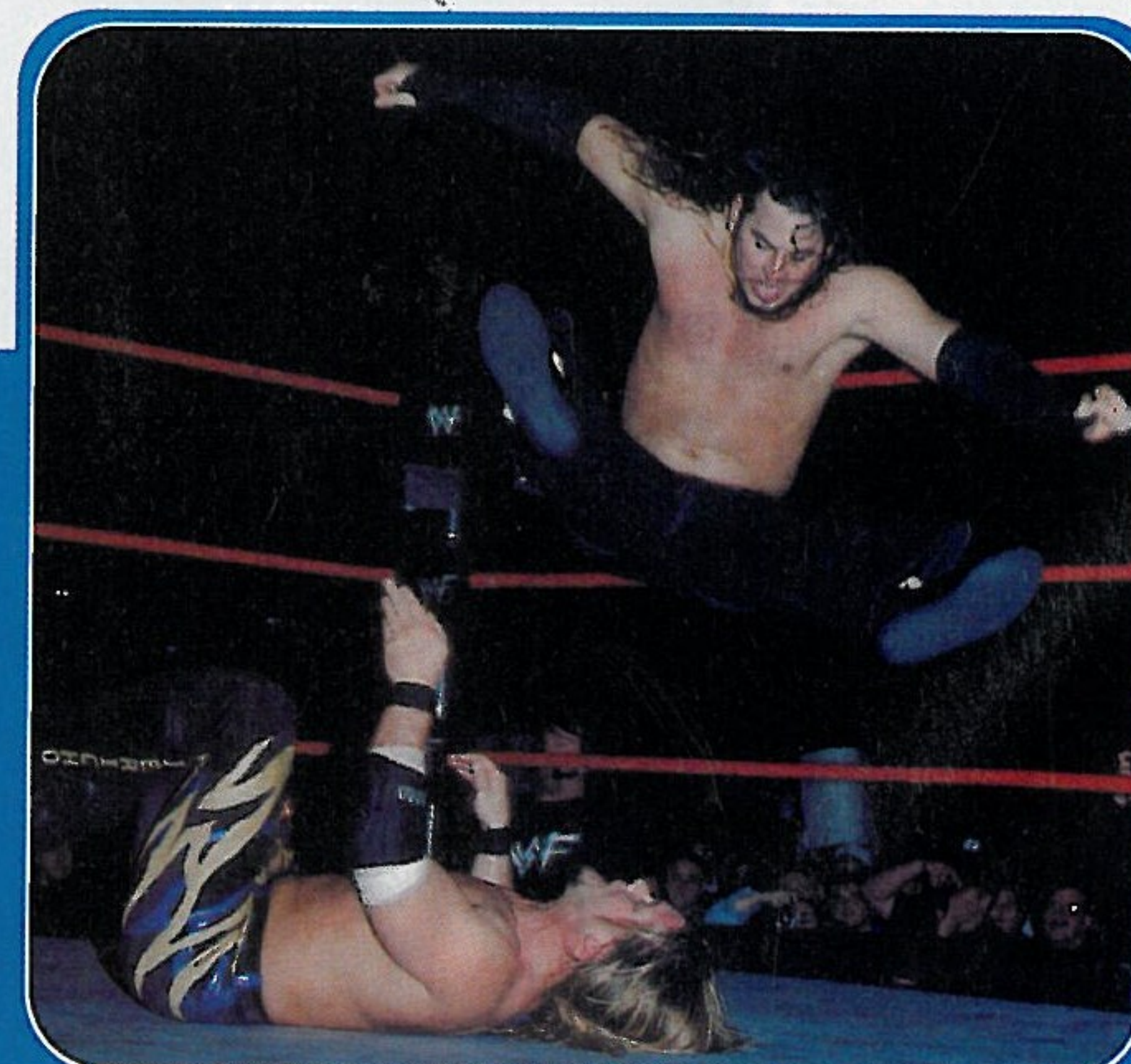
21 DR. WAGNER JR. (5'9", 215, 15, 25) Masked *rudo* is hated in his native Mexico, but is well-respected in Japan ... Wrestles for EMLL, New Japan Pro Wrestling, and other promotions ... Brother of Silver King and Gran Markus ... All three siblings have enjoyed singles and tag team success ... Fared well in the annual "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament hosted by New Japan ... Most recent tour of NJPW gave him a chance to team with Silver King, and the duo became quite popular with Japanese fans ... Likes to execute high-impact moves like the tiger driver and niagara driver ... Pet submission hold is an octopus hold variation known as the Wagner lock ... Favorite move is the Michinoku driver.

22 MATT HARDY (6', 211, 7, 45) Only occasionally teams with brother, Jeff, despite their many runs as WWF World tag team champions ... They do provide backup for each other, however ... Amid all the coverage of Jeff's I-C title victory in April, Matt quietly won the European title, and his reign continued as of press time ... His relationship with Lita didn't cause much friction with his brother, despite predictions to the contrary ... He and Jeff, along with The Dudley Boyz, lost TLC II to Christian and Edge at WrestleMania X-Seven ... His twist of fate finisher continues to be a crowd pleaser ... Lita also uses it.

23 MINORU TANAKA (5'8", 201, 4, NL) This former mixed martial artist jumped to New Japan Pro Wrestling,



where he's been competing full-time ... Formed a successful tandem with Koji Kanemoto and won the IWGP junior tag team belts with him ... Added the IWGP junior heavyweight to his collection of titles ... Made it to the finals of the annual "Best Of The Super Junior," but his hot streak was ended by Jushin Liger ... Ties opponents in knots and makes them tap out to any number of leg clutches and joint locks, the most



dangerous of which is known as the Minoru special.

24 JEFF JARRETT (5'10", 230, 15, 5) Racked up WCW World titles like a kid collecting bottle caps last year ... Enjoyed the distinction of being the highest-ranked WCW star in the "PWI 500" in 2000 ... Became largely irrelevant once Scott Steiner's huge shadow fully enveloped the WCW title picture ... His "slapnuts" routine also seemed less than inspired at times ... Should be a top recruit for WWFE ... Could provide some edge for the comparably weak-kneed WCW faction ... With the right promotion, his figure-four leglock could garner as much enthusiasm as Chris Benoit's crossface and Kurt Angle's anklelock.

25 JUSHIN LIGER (5'6", 208, 18, 8) Perennial New Japan superstar divides his time between the heavyweight and junior heavyweight ranks ... Hasn't found much success in the heavier classes, but continues to dominate in his own weight class, where he has held more than a dozen different championships ... Blasts opponents with an array of palm strikes to set up his avalanche-style brainbuster from the turnbuckles ... Won the annual "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament, lastly defeating Minoru Tanaka ... Once known for his colorful outfits, Liger prefers black now ... He and long-time partner El Samurai captured the IWGP junior tag title this year.

26 HECTOR GARZA (5'10", 202, 7, 220) Handsome high-flyer is a beloved *technico* in Mexico's AAA and one of the company's top stars for more than a year ... Fought in a number of hair vs. hair matches this year, including one in a steel cage, but has managed to keep his long, black locks intact ... A former WCW mid-carder who has plenty of international experience ... Feud with Electro Shock of Los Vipers culminated in a singles match in which Garza lost his National championship ... Usually pairs with El Hijo del Perro Aguayo ... Master of the corkscrew plancha from the top turnbuckle.



27 YOSHIHIRO TAJIRI (5'7", 224, 7, 23) Formed an effective team with Mikey Whipwreck in ECW in late-2000, with The Sinister Minister as his new guiding force ... Debuted as William Regal's manservant in the WWF ... Has become the Kato to the commissioner's Green Lantern ... This odd couple is fairly compatible ... The only ECW diehard other than Spike Dudley not to join Paul Heyman's new faction ... The former ECW TV champ was impressive in the King of the Ring tournament ... Displays the best comic timing in backstage promos since Kurt Angle—and Tajiri doesn't speak much English ... His octopus and tarantula, along with his extreme kicks, are fresh and exciting to most WWF fans.

28 MIKE AWESOME (6'6", 285, 12, 7) His stints as "The Fat Chick Thriller" and "That '70s Guy" could have been career-killers ... Recouped some of his former image as the backbone of Team Canada, but it was too little too late ... Became the first WCW star to capture WWF gold by winning the hardcore title in a hallowed hall of Madison Square Garden ... Will his frequent teamwork with Lance Storm in the new ECW faction cause problems with Justin Credible? ... A top-roped power bomb through a table to a significant WWF superstar would remind fans of the former ECW World champion.

29 CHRISTIAN (6'1", 225, 6, 57) Won a seventh WWF World tag team title with Edge by defeating The Hardy Boyz and The Dudley Boyz at WrestleMania X-Seven's TLC II ... They dropped the belts to The Undertaker and Kane

in April ... Jealous of Edge's King of the Ring victory ... A Christian-Edge split could benefit Christian as much as Edge ... Christian could further develop his heel persona in a prolonged feud with his former partner ... An attempt to regain the light heavyweight title would be an option ... Christian's reverse DDT has been effective against larger foes as of late, including The Big Show ... Pinning The Rock in a tag team match was his personal highlight this year.

30 BUH BUH RAY DUDLEY (6'2", 325, 7, 53) He and D-Von had three more runs as WWF World tag team champions this year ... Along with The Hardy Boyz, they lost TLC II to Christian and Edge at WrestleMania X-Seven ... Extremely intolerant and somewhat jealous of half-brother Spike ... He and D-Von used a seated power bomb from the top rope to put Spike's girlfriend, Molly Holly, through a

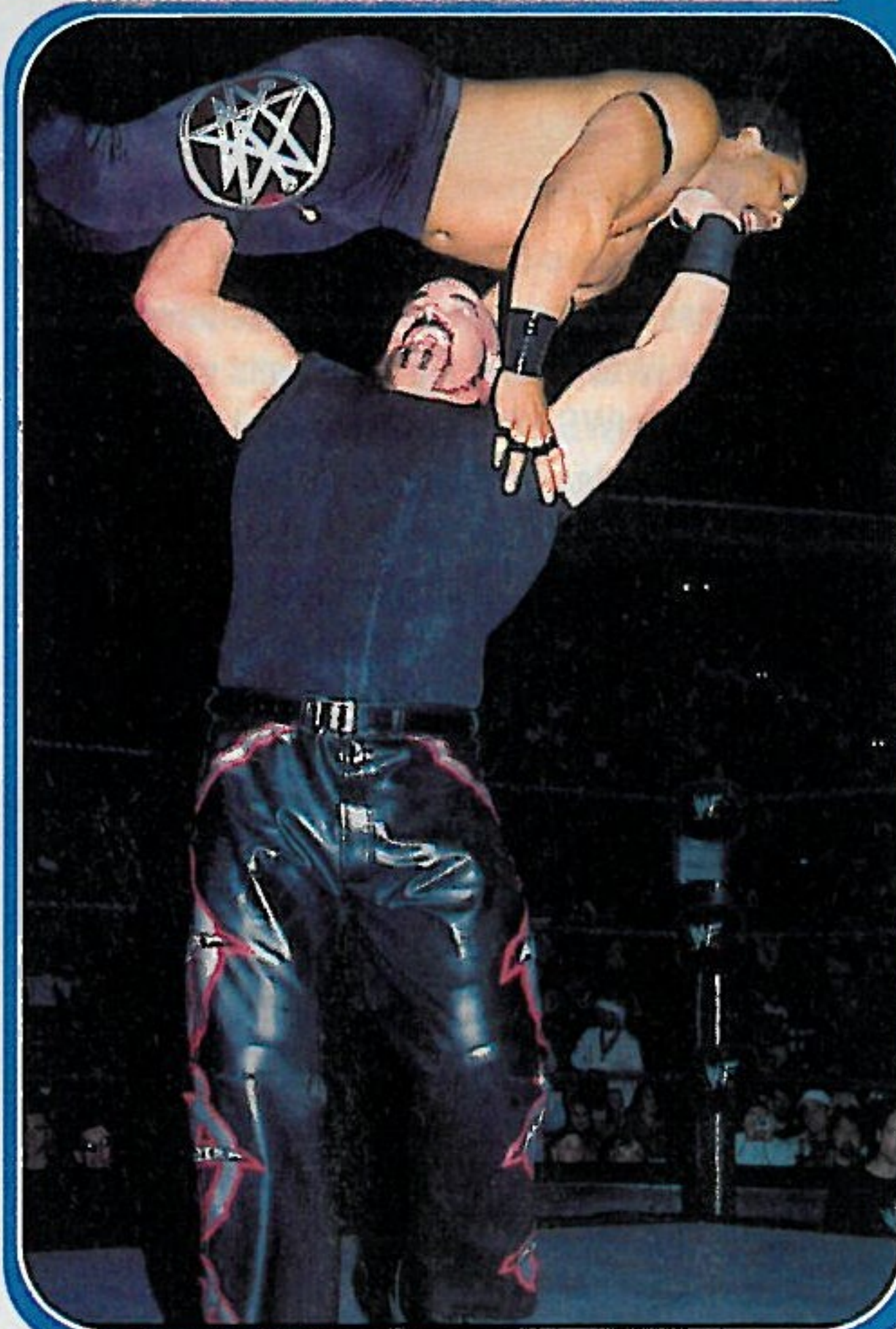


table ... May be the most ruthless man in the new ECW faction ... His "Whazzup!" became a popular catchphrase before the Dudleys turned heel ... The 3D is the most effective weapon in the tag team division.

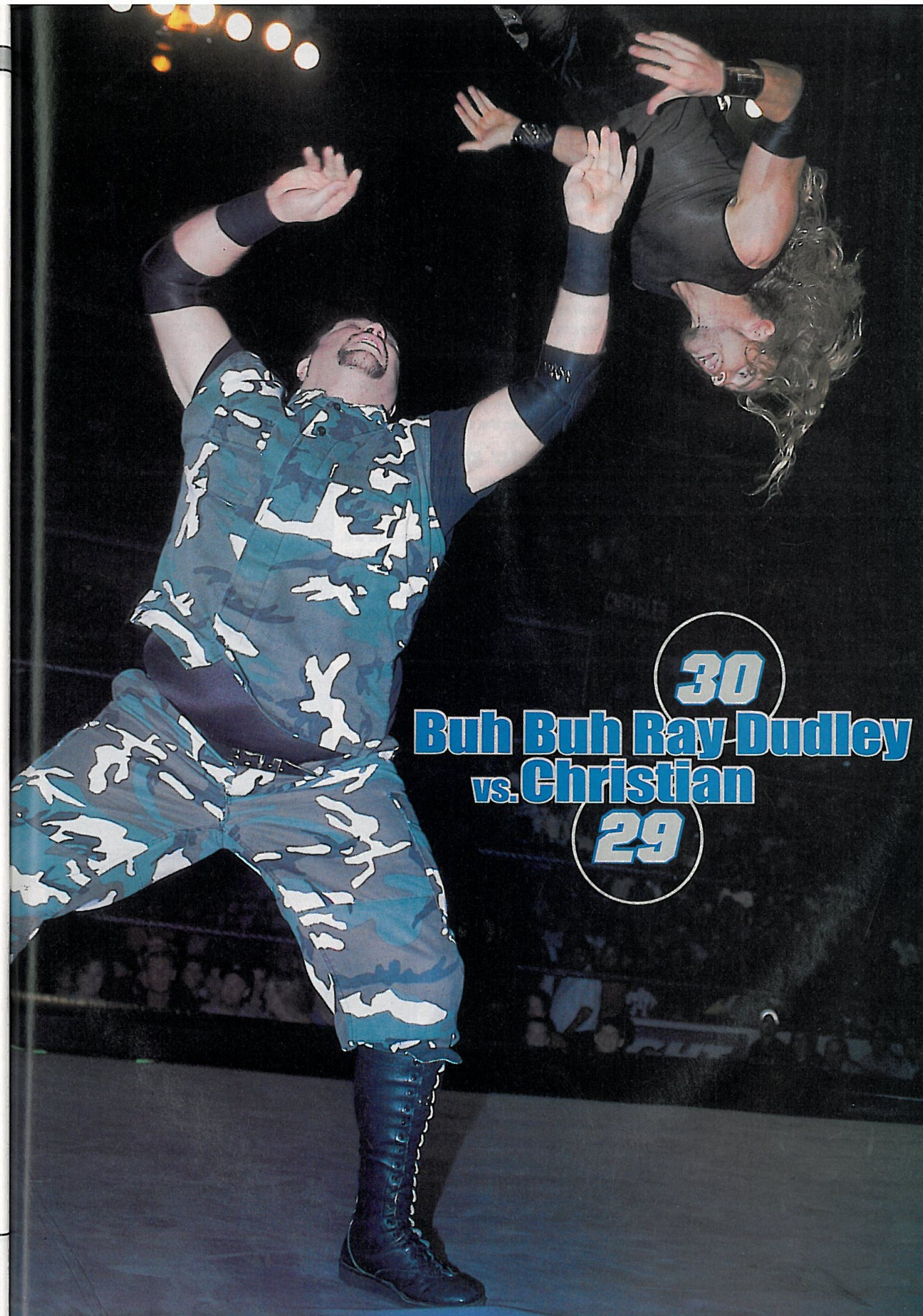
31 HURRICANE HELMS (6'1", 210, 10, 144) Formerly known as "Sugar" Shane Helms in WCW ... Became the unexpected breakout star of Three Count, surpassing leader

Evan Karagias ... Enjoyed the liveliest entrance of any WCW star in the Turner company's final days ... His Sugar smack and vertebreaker were among the most feared finishers in the cruiserweight division ... Defeated Chavo Guerrero Jr. for the cruiserweight title ... Lost the championship to Billy Kidman on Smackdown ... It was the first WCW belt to change hands on WWF programming ... Probably the only star whose momentum was stronger in the Time Warner-owned WCW than the McMahon-owned WCW.

32 ALBERT (6'6", 360, 4, 112) Thought being Big Bossman's lackey was as bad as it could get—until he joined T & A and, later, X-Factor ... No clique affiliation could jump-start Albert's career, despite his tremendous agility and skills ... His Intercontinental title victory over Kane should have been a huge breakthrough, but fans didn't seem ready for the push ... Lost the belt to Lance Storm on July 23 ... Borrowed from his old Memphis persona (Baldo) to devise his new finisher, the Baldo bomb ... It replaced his windmill neckbreaker ... In desperate need of an image makeover ... Has the raw ability to become as valuable to the WWF as The Undertaker someday.

33 NICHOLAS EL MILLONARIO (5'10", 200, 10, 120) Former WCW cruiserweight champion has changed his name from Psicosis since losing his mask ... The name distinguishes him from AAA's impostor Psicosis ... No Luchadore commands a larger fan following than Nicho in Tijuana ... Loves to cheat, but fans still cheer him wherever he goes ... Has had great feuds with Rey Misterio Jr. and El Hijo del Santo and has racked up pinfall victories over both in the last year ... Has never settled his differences with Rey Misterio Sr., the man who unmasked him in Mexico ... Flying legdrop from the turnbuckles is a devastating finisher.

34 KAZUYUKI FUJITA (5'9", 214, 1, NL) This mixed martial artist made a huge splash in pro wrestling by choking out Scott Norton and winning the IWGP heavyweight title ... A student of Antonio Inoki who is already being compared to Naoya Ogawa ... Considering he won one of Japan's top championships in his debut year, it looks like this young athlete is destined to become a true superstar in a hurry ... He'll have no easy task holding on to his title, as Yuji Nagata and Kensuke Sasaki are already in line to challenge him ... Pet submission finisher is a choke sleeperhold.



30 Buh Buh Ray Dudley vs. Christian 29



35 STEVE CORINO (6'1", 218, 7, 155) Pinned Justin Credible in a "Double Jeopardy" match for the ECW World title at November to Remember after The Sandman and defending champ Jerry Lynn had been eliminated ... Lost the belt to The Sandman in January 2001 ... Secured the highest honor a "King Of Old School" could achieve by defeating Mike Rapada for the NWA title on April 24 in Tampa ... Had beaten Redd Dogg Begnaud for the vacant NWA North American championship in Fort Worth, Texas, to earn the shot ... Lost the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation championship to Dylan Night ... Battled Dusty Rhodes and Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling titleholder Barry Windham in non-NWA title bouts ... The superkick is his most underrated move.

36 D-VON DUDLEY (6'1", 260, 7, 60) He and half-brother Buh Buh Ray reigned as WWF World tag team champions again in 2001, adding three more WWF tag titles to their resume of eight ECW tag team championships ... The Acolytes ended their most recent reign on the same night The Dudley Boyz jumped to the ECW faction ... Often the voice of reason for the delusional Buh Buh Ray ... The Dudleys and The Hardy Boyz lost TLC II to Christian and Edge at WrestleMania X-Seven, and lost TLC III—along with the Hardys, Christian, and Edge—to WWF tag champs Chris Benoit and Chris Jericho on Smackdown ... D-Von's diving headbutt sets up the 3D or Buh Buh Ray's top-rope power bomb through a table.

37 TEST (6'7", 302, 4, 103) Trish Stratus fired him from T & A, which turned out to be a big favor ... Test's European title victory over William Regal jump-started his career ... Has performed some tremendous high spots, especially against The Big Show ... His relationship with Shane McMahon was more beneficial than his doomed engagement to Stephanie ... Continues to be the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time ... Several WWF stars beat the heck out of Test because he was inaccurately fingered as a mole for WCW ... Joining Al Snow as a butt of Mick Foley's jokes (see Mick's new book, *Foley Is Good*) won't help his career, either ... Combines some of Kevin Nash's coolness with some of Randy Savage's daredevil moves ... His top-rope elbowsmash is reminiscent of the "Macho Man's."

38 BILLY KIDMAN (5'10", 195, 6, 72) His career hasn't regained momentum since his heel turn and subsequent feud with Hulk Hogan in mid-2000 ... The WWFE purchase of WCW could change that ... He and Rey Misterio Jr. defeated Elix Skipper and Kid Romeo for the cruiserweight tag team title on *Nitro*'s final broadcast ... While his cruiserweight tag team title is now ignored, Kidman succeeded in capturing the cruiserweight singles belt from Hurricane Helms on Smackdown ... It was the first WCW strap to change hands on WWF programming ... There appear to be no plans for an on-camera reunion with Torrie Wilson.

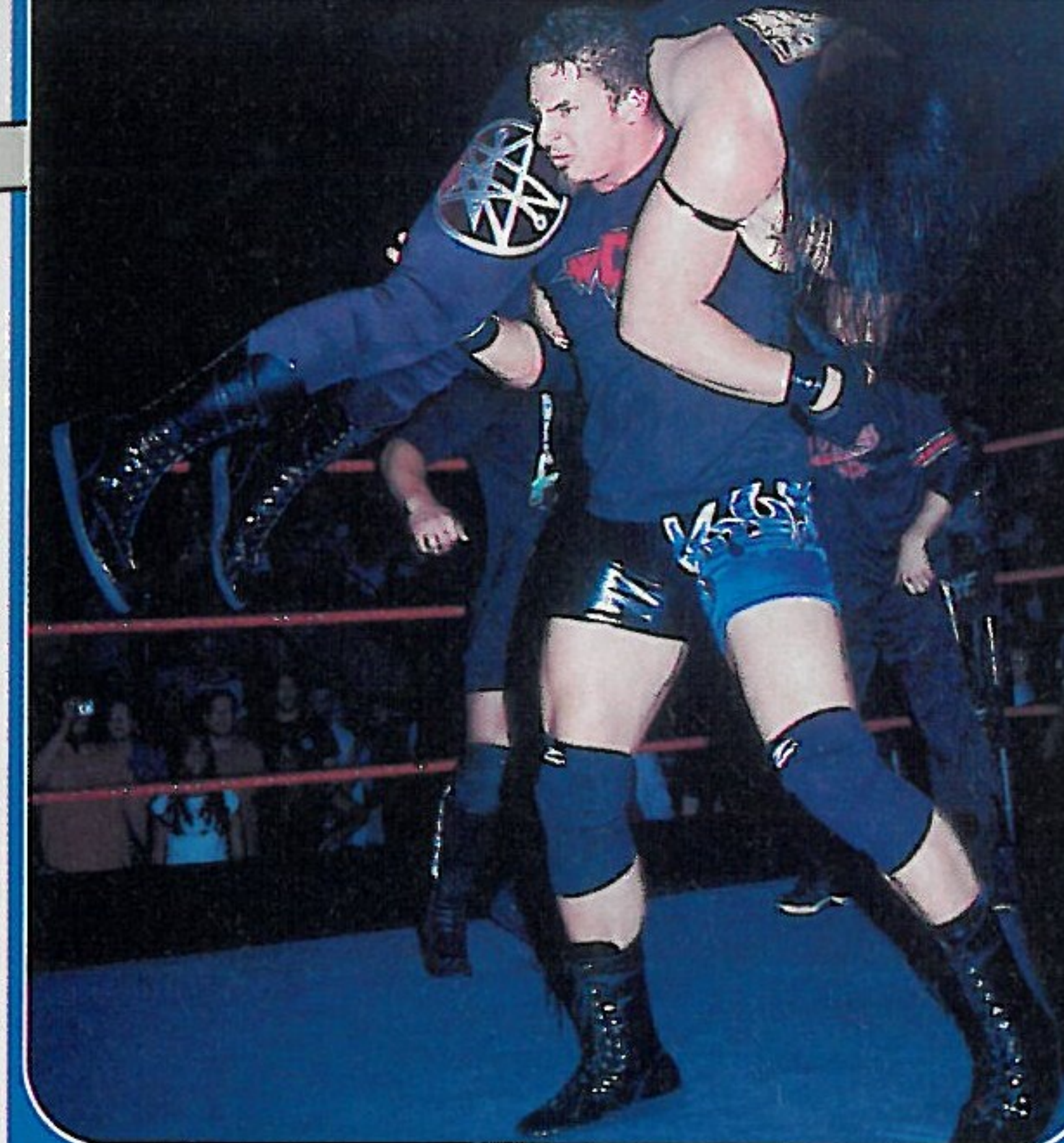
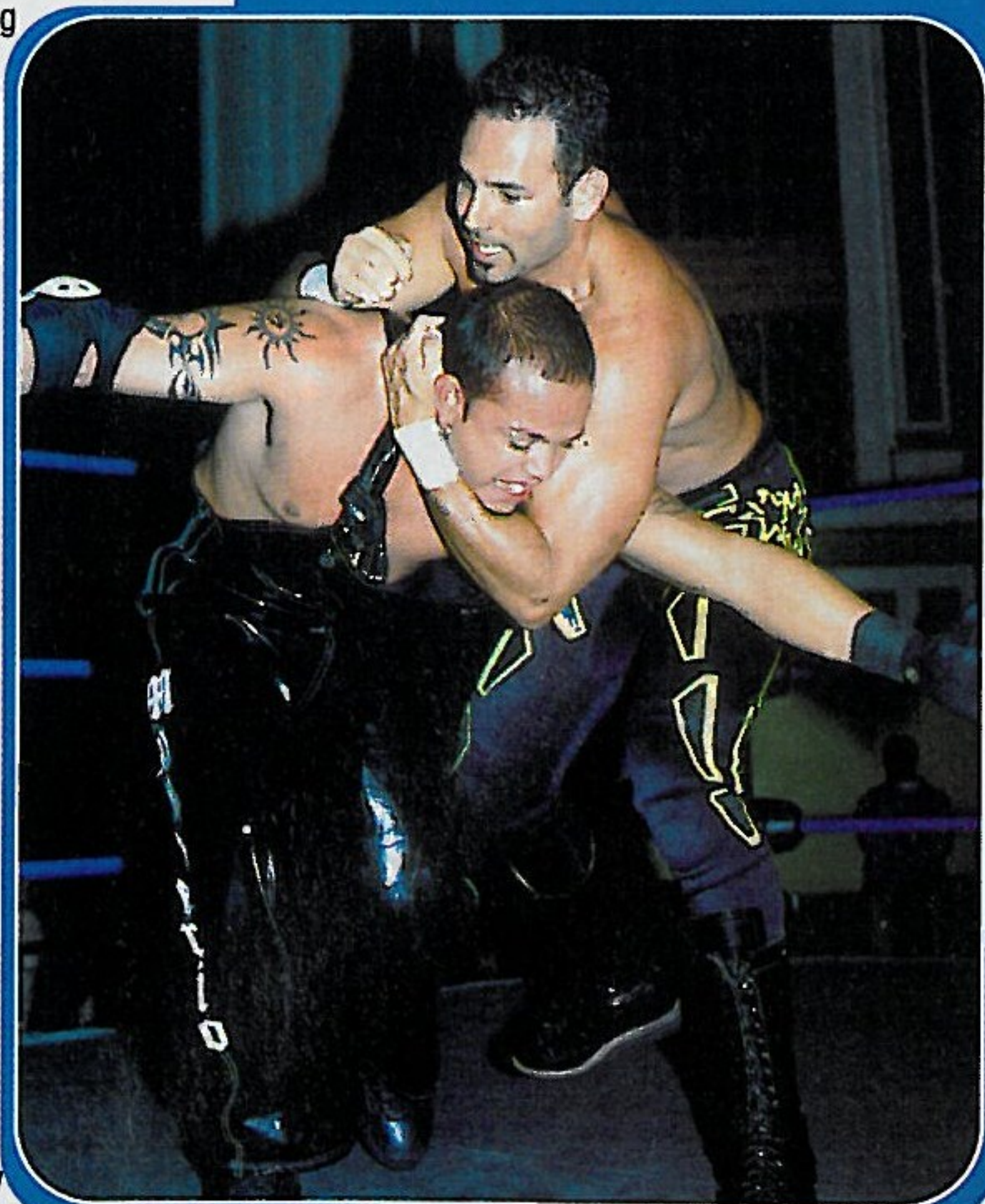
39 JUN AKIYAMA (6', 231, 9, 42) Young veteran continues to improve in the rings of Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Feud with Kenta Kobashi gave Japanese fans many Match of the Year candidates ... Spent years in All Japan Pro Wrestling honing his skills ... Has an excellent flying knee strike, which he uses on opponents of all sizes ... Loves to punish opponents with his exploder suplex before making them tap to his front chancery choke submission ... One of Japan's brightest rising stars.

40 HUGH MORRIS (5'10", 310, 11, 164) His two victories over Lance Storm for the U.S. title were the greatest of his career ... The Misfits In Action imploded when Chavo Guerrero Jr. and AWOL turned against Morris (when he was Gen. Rection) and Lash LeRoux ... Dropped the Rection character after Vince Russo was forced out of WCW

... Has become a stock player in WCW's invasion of the WWF ... Has improved his conditioning over the past year ... His no laughing matter moonsault is more effective than ever.

41 KENSUKE SASAKI (5'10", 263, 15, 10) Lost the IWGP heavyweight title in a big upset to Scott Norton ... Sets up his Northern Lights bomb with ferocious lariats in the style of his mentor, Riki Choshu ... Finally reclaimed his status as one of the country's top stars when he defeated All-Japan Pro Wrestling's Toshiaki Kawada in their second singles encounter ... Later teamed with Kawada in a strange match against Keiji Muto and Hiroshi Hase; Hase and Sasaki were former tag team champions together in New Japan ... Husband of Akira Hokuto, the "Danger Queen" of Japanese women's wrestling.

42 CHAVO GUERRERO JR. (5'6", 210, 8, 98) Wasted much of 2000 as Lt. Loco in the Misfits In Action ... Adopted a look-out-for-number-one attitude and his career soared ... Added some extra muscle to his physique ... Humbled Gen. Rection and Cpl. Cajun ... Persuaded The Wall to join his cause and serve as his bodyguard ... Enjoyed a successful reign as WCW cruiserweight champion ... Lost the title to Shane (Hurricane) Helms ... Defeated Scotty Too Hotty for an impressive first win for WCW on *Sunday Night Heat* just prior to Invasion ... Chavo Jr. will be tempted to join Uncle Eddie upon his return ... But would Chavo join the WWF, or would Eddie join the WCW-ECW Alliance? ... His tornado DDT might be the best finisher of any cruiserweight in the U.S.



43 SEAN O'HAIRE (6'6", 270, 1, NL) Enjoyed the most successful rookie year in WCW since The Giant (Paul Wight) ... A founding member of The Natural Born Thrillers ... Captured the World tag team title with Mark Jindrak ... Incredibly agile for a man his size ... His Seanton bomb is breathtaking ... Teamed with Chuck Palumbo to capture the World tag team belts in January 2001 ... He and Palumbo attempted a run-in on WWF TV before several WWF stars, led by The Acolytes, pummeled the two invaders and threw them out of the arena ... WCW World tag team champions O'Haire and Palumbo lost a historic match to WWF World tag team champions The Acolytes at Invasion ... The most physically intimidating member of the WCW faction.

44 TOKYO MAGNUM (5'11", 201, 4, NL) Former WCW cruiserweight is the hottest *technico* in Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon and the current British Commonwealth junior champ ... Also appears in Michinoku Pro ... Feuds endlessly with Shiima Nobunaga and his Crazy Max team ... Returned to action after an arm injury sidelined him for a good part of 2000 ... Has a beautiful shooting star press in his repertoire of daring aerial moves ... Dances his way to the ring, much to the delight of his many female fans ... Every bit as popular in Mexico as he is in his homeland ... Favorite move is called the Viagra driver.

45 BRADSHAW (6'7", 309, 9, 87) Spent a good portion of 2000 drinking beer, smoking cigars, and playing poker with Faarooq ... Jacquelyn joined the Acolyte Protection Agency, but she gave up her partying when she became involved in *Tough Enough* ... Bradshaw is seen on CNBC talking about the stock market almost as much as he's seen on TNN ... He and Faarooq motivated the mid-carders to take action ... They won their third WWF World tag team title from The

Dudley Boyz in July ... The Acolytes hadn't held the gold since 1999 ... WWF World tag team champions The Acolytes defeated WCW World tag team champions Sean O'Haire and Chuck Palumbo in an unprecedented encounter at Invasion ... Known for, as Jim Ross calls it, his clothesline from hell ... His kick to the face is the most effective since Hulk Hogan's.

46 SILVER KING (5'11", 221, 16, 159) Former WCW

wrestler is a star not only in his native Mexico, but in Japan as well ... Made a strong showing in this summer's annual "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament hosted by New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Has gained popularity abroad by teaming with his brother, masked *rudo* Dr. Wagner Jr. ... Despite his stocky frame, King has one of the world's best moonsaults and can fly like much lighter wrestlers ... He and El Dandy still team from time to time as Los Fabulosos ... Has a number of accurate, punishing kicks at his disposal, including a fantastic spinning heel kick.

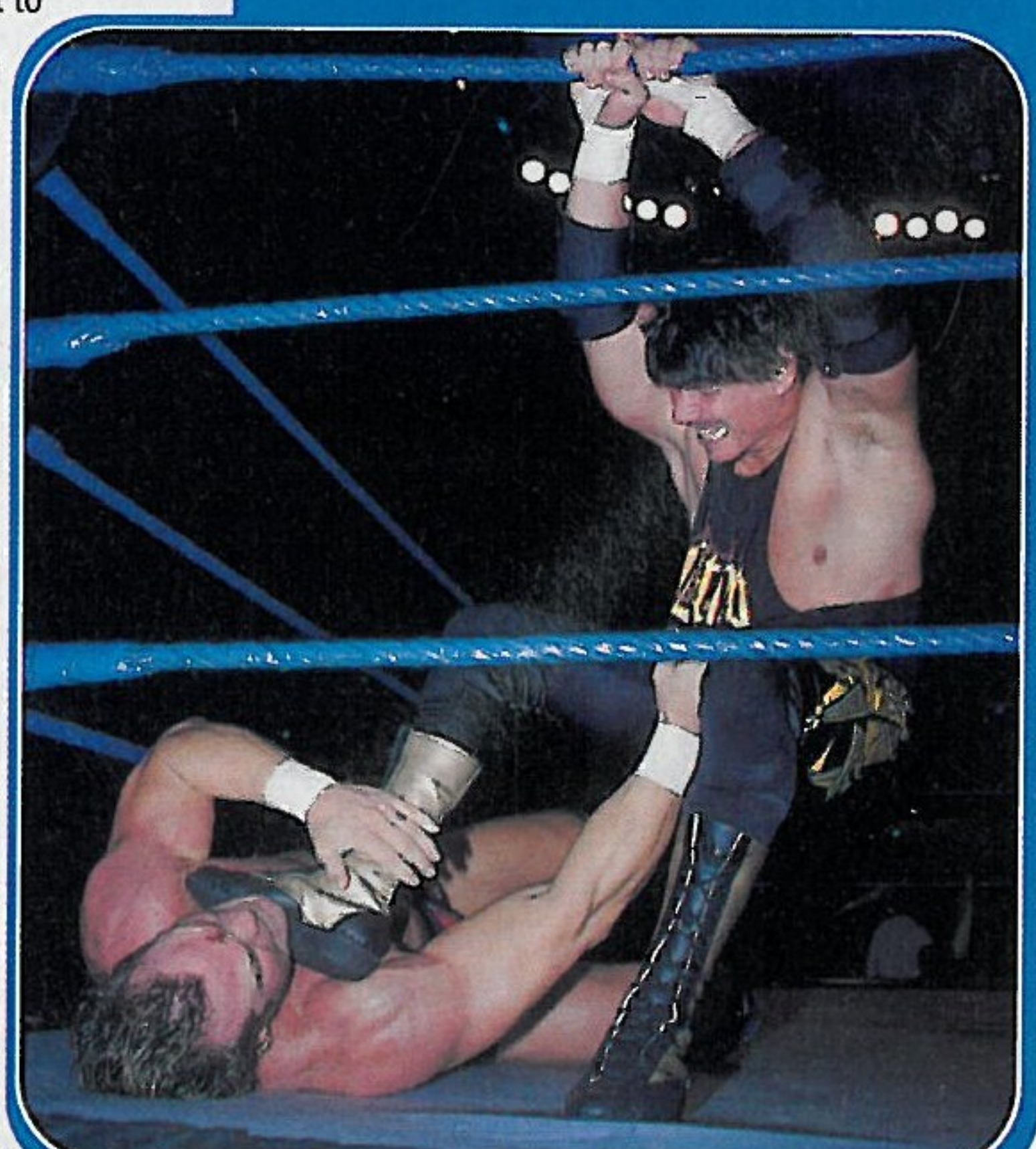
47 SHINYA HASHIMOTO (5'11", 287, 17, 125) Former IWGP heavyweight champion retired, returned, and was ultimately fired from New Japan Pro Wrestling, the company that made him a star in the mid-'90s ... Started his own group called Zero-One, an independent company that uses wrestlers from all promotions, even New Japan ... Still feuding with Naoya Ogawa after all these years, but has yet to score a singles victory over him ... Had his first in-ring confrontation with Mitsuharu Misawa this year, but a singles match hasn't happened yet ... Has dropped some weight in recent years, but his kicks are as devastating as ever ... Leaping brainbuster and DDT are his pet moves.

48 VADER (6'5", 450, 16, 11) American super heavyweight is extremely popular in Japan, where he competes for the NOAH group these days ... Sometimes teams with 2 Cold Scorpio ... Continues to feud with Global Honored Crown champion Mitsuharu Misawa ... Bounced back nicely from a career-threatening arm injury just last year ... Has extensive experience wrestling in New Japan, WCW, and the WWF ...

Came up short in the first Global Honored Crown tournament, losing to Yoshihiro Takayama in the semifinals ... His moonsault and power bomb are feared wherever he goes ... Pounds his foes with hard bodyblows and an array of high-impact moves, like his second-rope Vader bomb.

49 JERRY LYNN (5'7", 224, 13, 54) Defeated Justin Credible for the ECW World title in front of a hometown crowd on October 1, 2000, in St. Paul, Minnesota ... Credible eliminated him early in a "Double Jeopardy" match for the World title at November to Remember ... He and Justin Credible lost to defending champ Steve Corino in a three-way bout in December ... Became the first wrestler since Hulk Hogan to win a WWF belt upon his debut by defeating Crash Holly for the light heavyweight title on *Sunday Night Heat* ... He had only wrestled a few house shows prior to that appearance ... Lost the strap to Jeff Hardy a few weeks later ... The WWF might ban his cradle piledriver ... Could renew his old GWF feud with current WWF light heavyweight champ X-Pac.

50 EDDIE GUERRERO (5'8", 205, 13, 20) His relationship with Chyna and their subsequent breakup fired up "Latino Heat's" career, but Guerrero didn't accomplish much after that feud ended ... The former WCW U.S., WCW cruiserweight, WWF Intercontinental, and WWF European champ reverted to a backseat role in The Radicals ... Encouraged Dean Malenko and Perry Saturn to oust leader Chris Benoit ... Forged a mysterious bond with Lita and The Hardy Boyz before his sudden hiatus from the WWF ... Plans to return after dealing with personal problems.

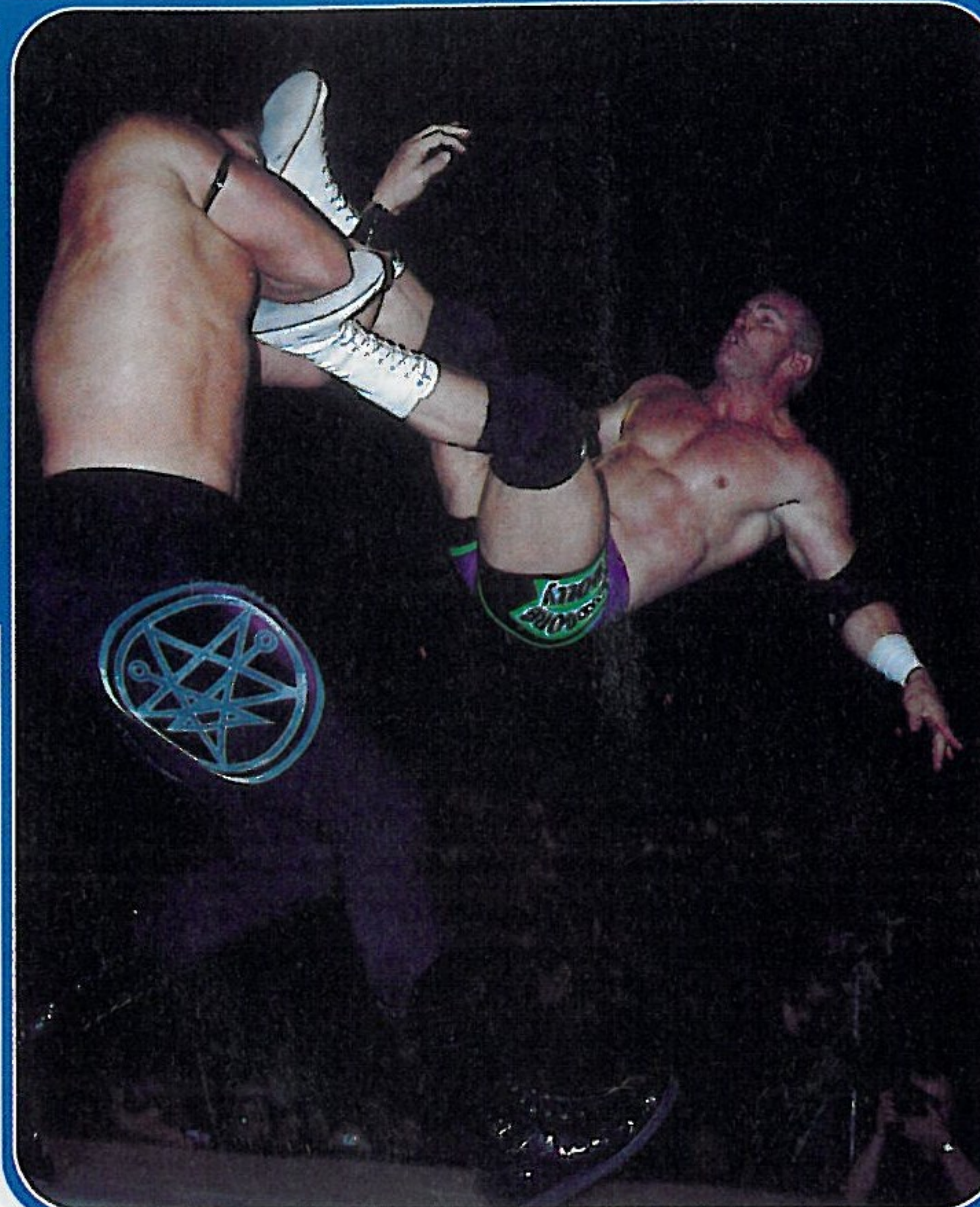


51 HARDCORE HOLLY (6'1", 231, 8, 41) Hasn't regained his previous momentum since Kurt Angle broke his arm last year ... The former Intercontinental title contender has been relegated to lecturing his cousin Molly on the dangers of dating a Dudley boy ... Doesn't wrestle in many hardcore matches anymore, despite his nickname ... He and cousin Crash team fairly regularly ... Must regain his edge.

52 YUJI NAGATA (6'1", 228, 9, 37) Well-rounded New Japan grappler is ready to make the climb to main-event status ... Skilled on the mat, as well as on his feet, where his strikes are vicious ... Wears opponents down with all sorts of leg holds before applying his favorite, the Nagata lock II ... Undistinguished stint in WCW gave him valuable experience, which has helped him advance quicker than many of his New Japan contemporaries ... Sometimes teams with Manabu Nakanishi, whose raw power complements Nagata's technical prowess nicely ... Hasn't been successful in previous attempts to capture the IWGP heavyweight title, but seems well-prepared for a match with current champ Kazuyuki Fujita.

53 RAVEN (6'1", 243, 14, 62) Whipped himself into fantastic shape after rejoining the WWF in August 2000 ... Still wrestles almost exclusively in hardcore matches ... Usually loses high-profile encounters ... Doesn't make sufficient use of his evenflow DDT ... Traded the hardcore title with Crash Holly ... Tori, his mysterious Ninja friend, disappeared as quickly as she appeared ... Should take more of a leadership role in the ECW faction.

54 JUVENTUD GUERRERA (5'5", 169, 8, 149) "The Juice" is still loose; this three-time former WCW cruiserweight champion has been popping up in Mexico, the American independents, and even in Japan's NOAH ... In returning to Mexico, he got the chance to again team with his father, the legendary Fuerza Guerrera ... Reputation for unpredictable behavior follows him wherever he goes ... Wrestled for UPW and CZW here in the United States ... Although he is a *rudo*, Juvi still has some loyal supporters in both Mexico and the States ... Has a tremendous 450 splash in his arsenal, as well as a plethora of other



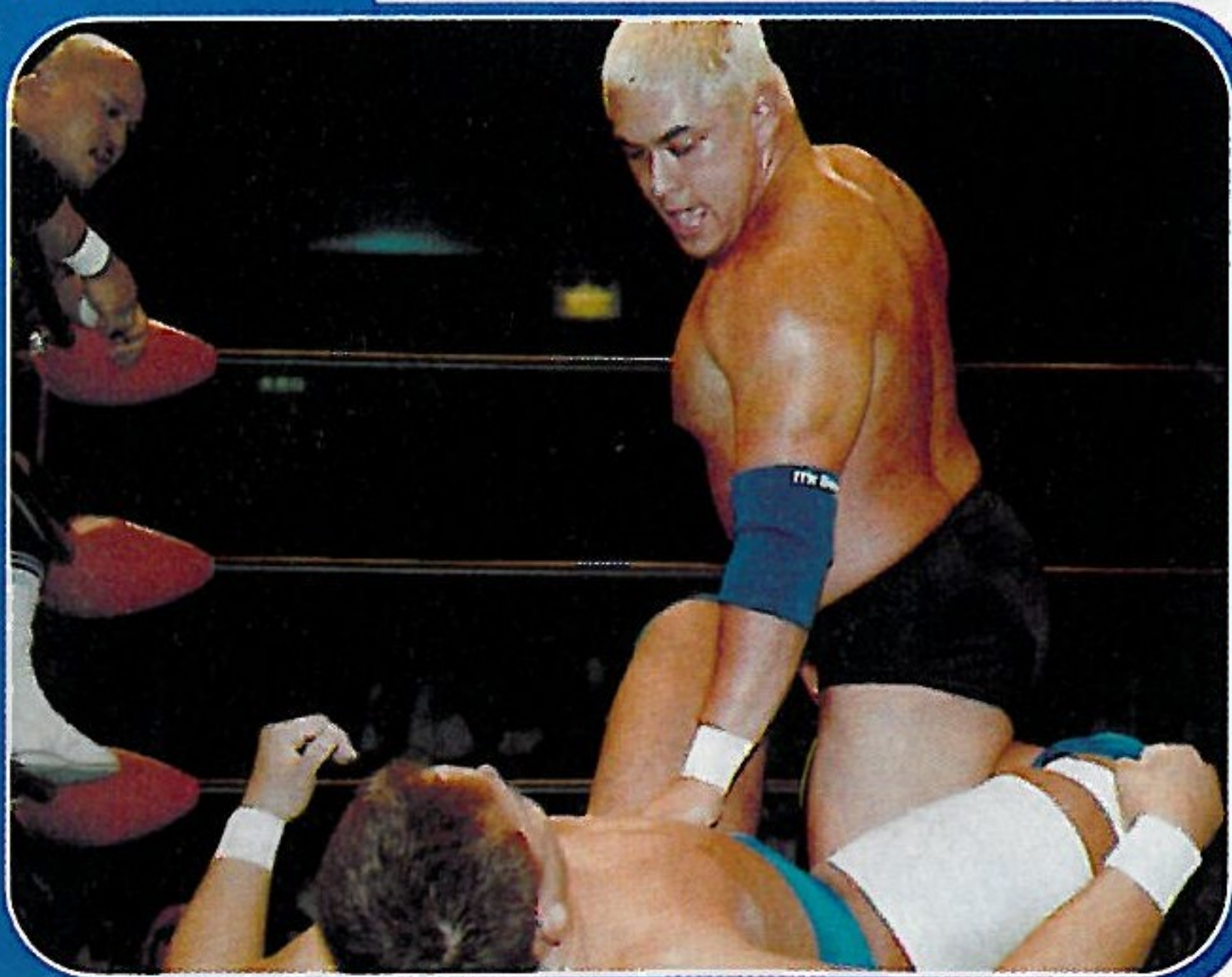
July ... He and Bradshaw defeated WCW World tag team champions Sean O'Haire and Chuck Palumbo in a non-title battle of the champions match at Invasion ... Former WCW World champion (1992) celebrates his fifth anniversary in the WWF this year.

57 SABU (6', 220, 11, 38) Reigned as Xtreme Pro Wrestling champion in 2000 and '01 ... The Messiah, John Kronus, and other members of Rob Black's Army attacked Sabu in a steel cage, forcing him to miss his next title defense ... Chose New Jack as his substitute, who lost the belt to The Messiah ... Also reigned as NWA champion last year ... The only wrestler to hold the ECW, NWA, and XPW titles ... Continues using the triple-jump moonsault despite accumulating injuries ... Managed by Bill Alfonso on occasion ... Caused near-riots during some appearances in Mexico.

58 MASATO TANAKA (6', 213, 8, 21) Popular FMW star returned to his native Japan on a full-time basis after ECW folded ... A solid heavyweight with vast experience in extreme-style matches ... Has been courted by Atsushi Onita for his new promotion, but hasn't left FMW yet ... Long feud with Mike Awesome is legendary both in

high-flying moves ... His Michinoku driver finisher is called the Juvi driver.

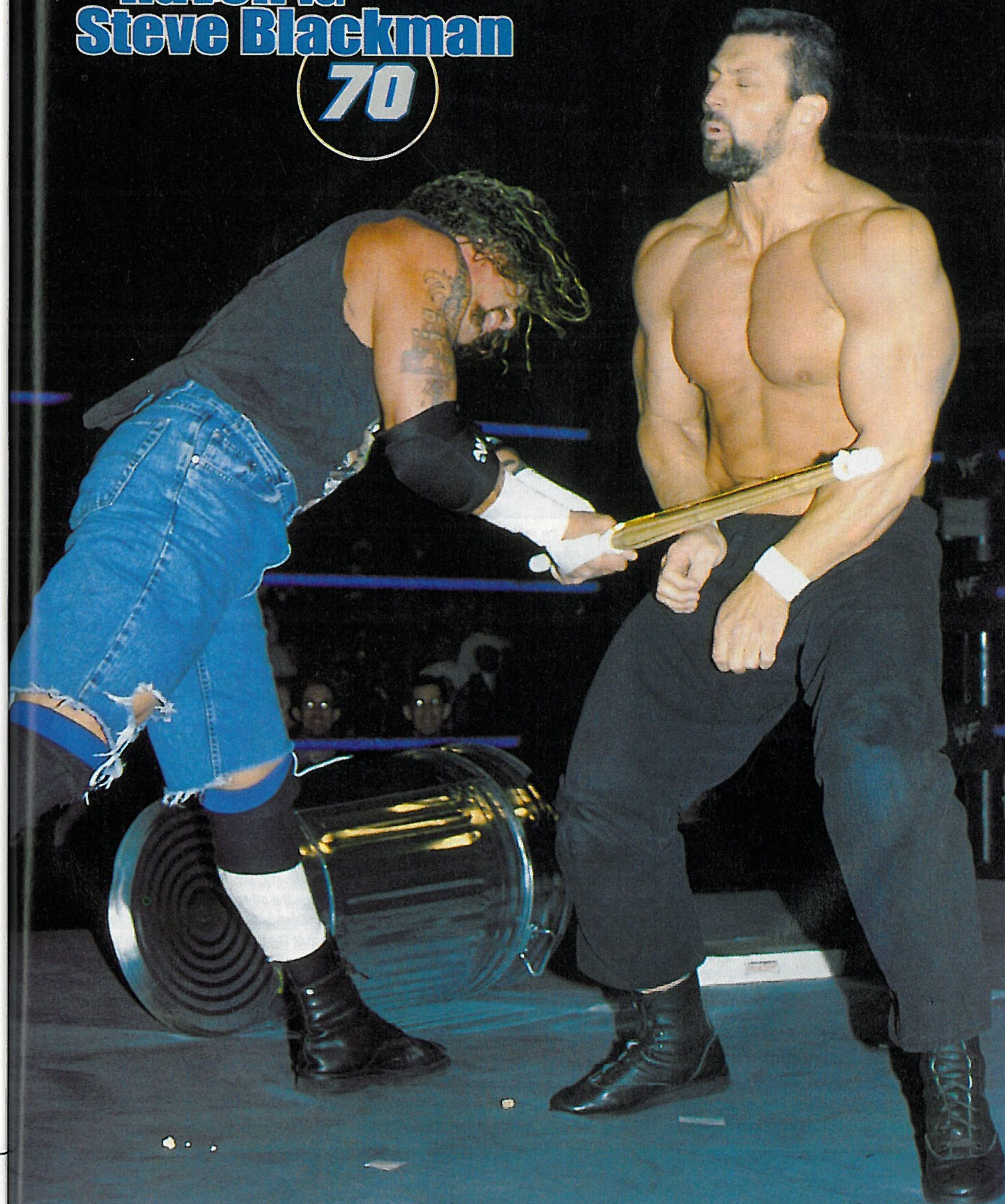
55 TAIYO KEA (6'1", 240, 7, 108) Breakout star of All-Japan Pro Wrestling was formerly known as Maunukea Mossman ... Hawaiian sensation made it all the way to the finals of this year's "Champion's Carnival" before losing to Triple Crown champion Genichiro Tenryu ... Was recruited by Keiji Muto for the Cross Wizards group, which is now called BATT ... The group also includes Jinsei Shinzaki and Don Frye ... Held the All-Japan International tag title with Johnny Smith ... His Hawaiian crusher finisher is very effective.



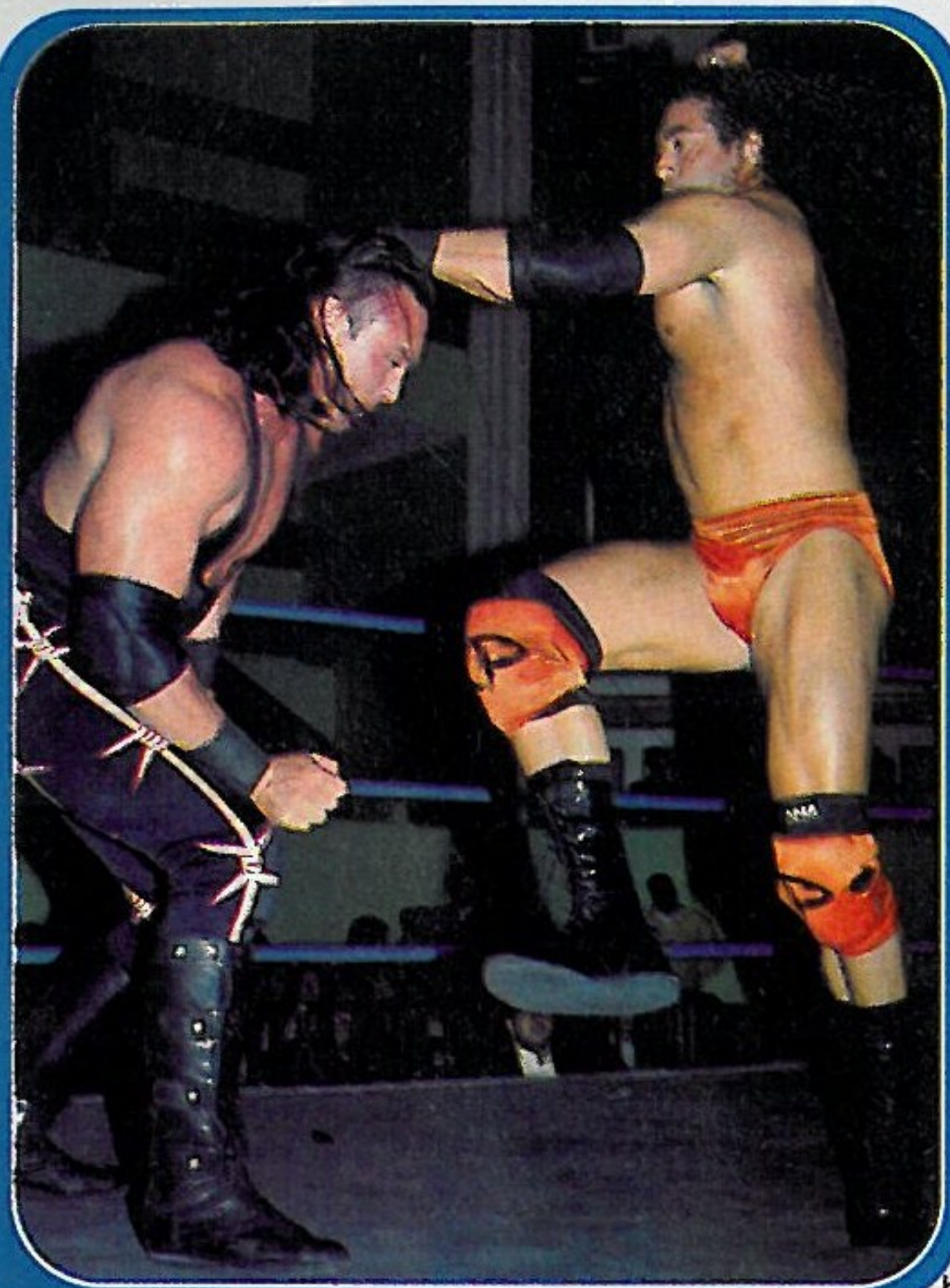
56 FAAROOQ (6'2", 291, 15, 93) Seemed to lose interest in active wrestling as the beer-swilling, cigar-smoking, poker-playing partner of Bradshaw ... "They're takin' food out of our mouths" became his rallying cry when WCW invaded the WWF ... The Acolytes defeated The Dudley Boyz for the WWF World tag team title in

Japan and in the United States ... Has had more than his share of wild, hardcore matches, but can still get the job done on the mat as well ... Double-tough grappler likes to blast opponents with forearm and elbow strikes to daze them ... Favorite move is the diamond dust, a flipping Ace crusher executed out of the turnbuckle.

53 Raven vs. Steve Blackman 70



59 ROB VAN DAM (6', 237, 11, 24) Missed most of the past year due to a contract dispute with ECW ... Not immediately picked up by the WWF or WCW despite his free agent status ... Returned for ECW's final pay-per-view, *Guilty as Charged*, in January ... Finally emerged as a full-time wrestler again as part of the ECW faction in the WWF ... Beat Jeff Hardy for the hardcore title at *Invasion* ... Has dropped several notches since earning the number-two spot in the 1999 "PW 500," but this next year could be a truly great one for him ... His Van terminator is so spectacular that Shane McMahon used it for his match against Vince at *WrestleMania* ... His five-star frog splash and split-legged moonsault are incredible ... Best ECW wrestler never to win a world title.



60 CHUCK PALUMBO (6'6", 256, 2, NL) "The Main Event" was one of the more experienced members of The Natural Born Thrillers ... Formed The Perfect Event with Shawn Stasiak ... They defeated Alex Wright and Elix Skipper, substituting for an injured Disco, for the WCW World tag team title in November 2000 ... The Perfect Event lost the belts to Kevin Nash and Dallas Page six days later ... Captured the tag title with Sean O'Haire ... He and O'Haire invaded WWF programming, only to be driven out by The Acolytes and other members of the WWF locker room ... They lost to WWF World tag team champions The Acolytes in a battle of the champions showdown ... Quite agile for his size.

61 WILLIAM REGAL (6'4", 257, 17, 222) Regrouped mentally and physically in Memphis last year ... It was a long way down

for Regal, who had enjoyed a lengthy WCW career ... Joined the WWF as the United Kingdom's goodwill ambassador ... Captured the European title soon after his debut ... Test beat him for the title in record time ... Won the job of commissioner by defeating Al Snow ... Aided by his faithful manservant, Yoshihiro Tajiri ... He and Tajiri are developing a cult following, much like Kurt Angle did in his early WWF days ... Even his princely wave earns cheers ... His European uppercuts are so powerful ... Alternates his Regal stretch finisher with the Union Jack, a neckbreaker variation.

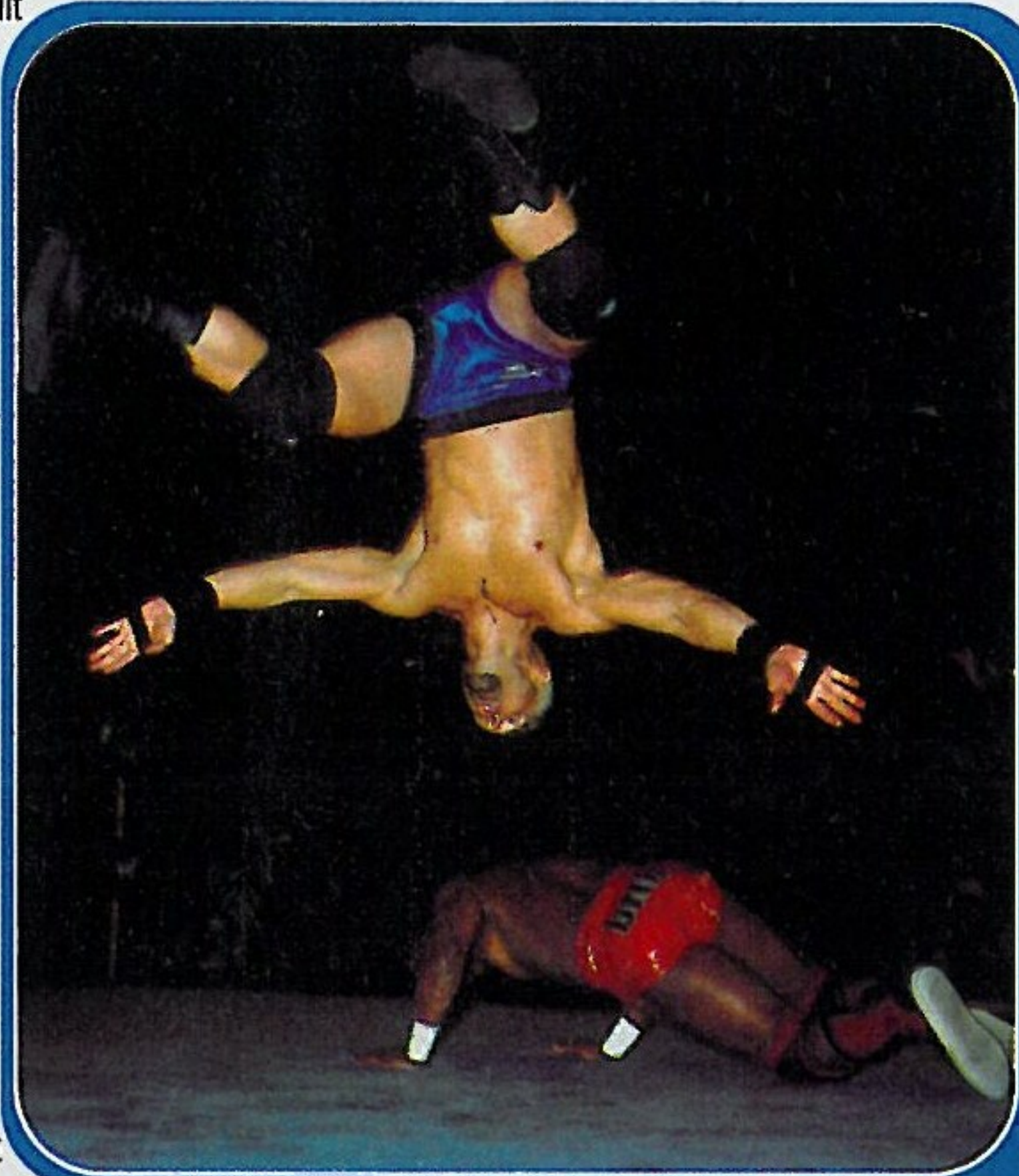
62 SPIKE DUDLEY

(5'7", 155, 6, NL) Joined the WWF after a severe knee injury had sidelined him in ECW ... Gained early momentum by teaming with Buh Buh Ray and D-Von Dudley, then claiming Molly Holly as his new girlfriend ... Demanded a WWF World title shot after Steve Austin called her a bimbo ... Had impressive showings against Austin but failed to capture the gold ... Constant bickering caused him to leave his half-brothers, just as he did in ECW ... Renamed the acid drop the Dudley dog ... Broke his ankle while executing the maneuver on Buh Buh Ray ... Watched in horror as the Dudleys put Molly through a table ... Has seized Crash Holly's niche as the WWF's go-get-'em underdog.

63 MASA CHONO (5'11", 245, 18, 56) Veteran competitor has bounced back from a number of serious neck and back injuries ... Still favors the STF submission hold, which he learned from the legendary Lou Thesz years ago ... The leader of Team 2000, a force that opposes the traditionalist hierarchy in New Japan Pro Wrestling, and has won over a cult following among Japanese fans ... Possesses a brutal yakuza kick that he uses to break down opponents ... One of the most successful tag team wrestlers in the history of New Japan, he has a number of capable partners on his Team 2000 roster, including Hiroyoshi Tenzan, Satoshi Kojima and Akira Nogami.

64 VILLANO III (5'8", 210, 31, 75) Lifelong *rudo* became a popular *technico* after losing his mask to Atlantis last year on EMLL's first pay-per-view ... Forms a successful trio with his two brothers, Villanos IV and V ... Has even teamed with Giant Silva, the former WWF Oddity ... Has been feuding with another veteran

Luchadore, El Signo, with whom he has had a number of bloody encounters ... Many might think this "old-timer" is way past his prime, but he's maintained a winning record in the last year and can still take to the air for a huracanrana when he thinks it's necessary.



65 CHRISTOPHER DANIELS

(6', 210, 8, 76) Reigned as Ultimate Pro Wrestling champ for much of the year, before losing the belt to Samoa Joe ... Wrestled former partner and longtime rival Michael Modest on *WCW Monday Nitro*, in a match that was interrupted by Scott Steiner ... Daniels fell on his head, causing his left arm to go numb during that bout ... He continued the match, however ... Defeated Reckless Youth for the unofficial "King Of The Indies" title in Newark, Delaware ... Had equally exciting clashes with Scoot Andrews and 2001 Super 8 winner Low-Ki ... Daniels won the Super 8 in 2000 ... One of the few indy stars who is well-known on both the East and West Coasts ... Competes in Japan as Curry Man.

66 PERRY SATURN

(5'10", 234, 12, 63) Spent 2000 being overshadowed by the other three Radicals—Chris Benoit, Dean Malenko, and Eddie Guerrero ... The disintegration of The Radicals was a surprising boost to his career ... His new befuddled, punch-drunk persona is a hit with fans ... Becomes more popular with every head shot he takes ... The former Army Ranger displays a stunning array of kicks and suplexes ... Executes the Death Valley driver with precision ... Shows little sign of the devastating knee injury that sidelined him in 1997 ... Managed by Terri, but has found a new best friend in the form of a mop ... You're welcome!

67 X-PAC (6'2", 212, 12, 65) Became lost in the WWF shuffle when De-Generation X ceased to exist and especially after Road Dogg left the company ... Failed to rekindle the DX magic as leader of X-Factor ... Justin Credible and Albert faltered with him ... Became only the second man to hold the WCW cruiserweight and WWF light heavyweight championships by defeating Jeff Hardy for the WWF belt ... Devastated by his loss to WCW cruiserweight champion Billy Kidman in a battle of the champions match at *Invasion* ... Attempts to execute the bronco buster failed more times than they succeeded this year ... Relies on spinning heel kicks too much ... His X-factor finisher is effective.

68 JINSEI SHINZAKI

(5'10", 207, 8, 143) Popular Japanese wrestler has seen action with Michinoku Pro, All-Japan, and New Japan in the last year ... Joined Keiji Muto's BATT team even though the two had a bloody feud years before ... The group, which also includes Taiyo Kea and Don Frye, obsessed over stealing the AJPW Triple Crown from Genichiro Tenryu ... Prefers a slow, methodical pace to his matches, but can adapt to any circumstance ... Can walk the top rope like a tight rope, showing remarkable balance and poise ... Had a short but memorable stint in the WWF under the name Hakushi ... Signature move is the praying power bomb.

69 ELECTRO SHOCK

(5'10", 205, 4, NL) Joined the renegade gang of *rudos* in AAA that also includes Cibernetico and the bogus Psicosis ... Known to carry an electric stun gun to ringside with him ... Wears a restraining mask similar to the one worn by the villainous Dr. Hannibal Lecter in *Silence Of The Lambs* ... Cheats at every opportunity ... Gang mentality of Los Vipers has been the main cause of chaos in AAA rings for a few years now ... Feuds seemingly endlessly with rival factions such as Los Vatos Locos ... Defeated top *technico* Hector Garza in a key singles match this year.

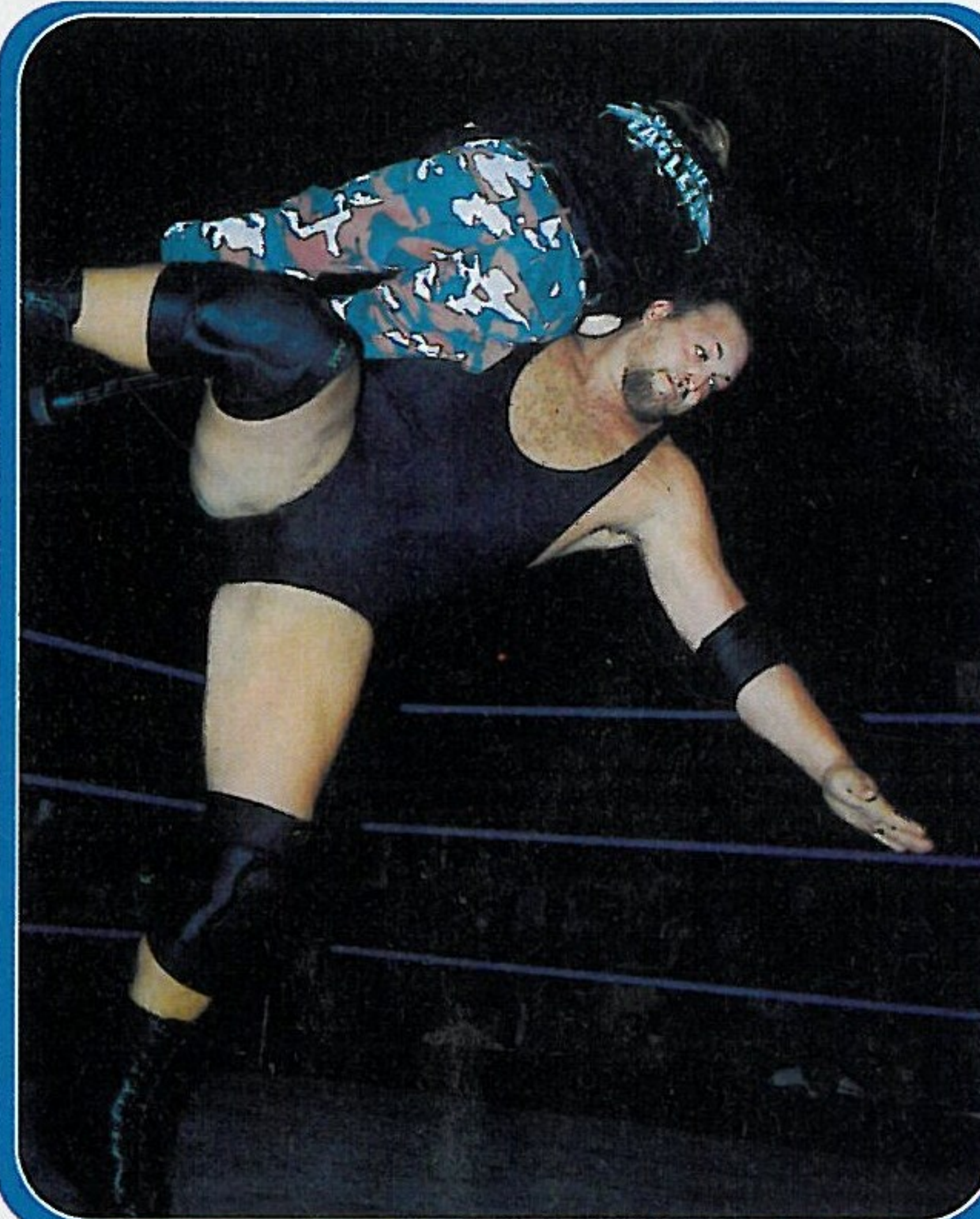
70 STEVE BLACKMAN

(6'1", 245, 15, 121) Finally found a niche in 2000 by integrating martial arts weapons into his WWF hardcore title defenses ... Failed to gain the same fame he enjoyed as a member of Head Cheese with Al Snow ... Relegated to matches against Kaientai and Essa Rios—and Blackman doesn't even need a green card ... Executes the guillotine legdrop with cruel precision ... Should return to his thug-for-hire roots, perhaps working for Shane McMahon.

71 SCOTT NORTON

(6'3", 360, 12, NL) Took the fast track back to the

spotlight by upsetting Kensuke Sasaki for the IWGP heavyweight title in the spring ... Didn't hold on to it for long, though, as he lost the gold to Kazuyuki



72 THE BIG SHOW

(7'2", 415, 6, 16) Returned to the WWF after spending several months in Ohio Valley to whip himself into shape ... Still not in top shape ... Greatest accomplishment this year was capturing the hardcore title ... That's a far cry from winning the WWF title in 1999 and the WCW title in 1996 ... Uses the super choke-slam from the top turnbuckle much less frequently ... Probably figures the regular choke-slam usually achieves the same result: victory.

73 SHIMA NOBUNAGA

(5'11", 202, 4, 44) Finalist in last year's Super J Cup hasn't enjoyed the same success this year ... Product of Ultimo Dragon's Mexico-based wrestling academy, Toryumon ... Feuds with the likes of Tokyo Magnum and Dragon Kid ... Leader of the Crazy Max stable ... Calls his Quacken-driver variation iconoclasm ... A wild, cocky *rudo* whom fans sometimes refer to simply as CIMA ... Pops up in the rings of Michinoku Pro from time to time ... Finishing maneuver is a frog splash he has named the mad splash.

74 CRASH HOLLY

(5'9", 225, 13, 36) The man who helped define the WWF hardcore championship had a relatively uneventful year ... Just isn't as entertaining without the 24/7 rule ... Captured the WWF light heavyweight title, but his reign was a quiet one ... Lost the belt to Jerry Lynn ... Spends too much time worrying about cousin Molly's business than taking care of his own ... His storyline with The Acolytes didn't go far ... Wouldn't take much to reinvigorate his career, though he can't afford many more losses to women ... It's hard to believe this pesky fireplug has been around as long as The Undertaker.



Fujita just a few weeks later ... Super heavyweight is a former arm-wrestling champion and is about as powerful as any athlete on the planet ... Incurable mean streak hasn't endeared him to the Japanese

75 SUPER DELFIN (5'9", 205, 12, 88) Top star of Japanese independent promotion Osaka Pro saw some action in New Japan rings this year ... Teamed with Tsubasa and Takehiro Murahama against trios of NJPW junior heavyweights in the spring months ... Eventually lost decisively to El Samurai of New Japan ... A former Michinoku Pro star ... Began his career as the unusual Monkey Magic Wakita, a humorous high-flying character ... Colorful masked man has an odd variation of the Ace Crusher he calls the Osaka cutter ... Skilled in the Lucha Libre style, as well as in the American pro style ... Favorite combination of moves is the swinging DDT followed by his Delfin clutch.

76 TIGER MASK IV (5'7", 173, 11, 67) Sensational high-flyer seems to get better and better every year ... Continues the proud legacy of Tiger Mask in Japan, a legendary tradition that has been passed on by Satoru Sayama, Mitsuharu Misawa, and Koji Kanemoto ... A former British Commonwealth

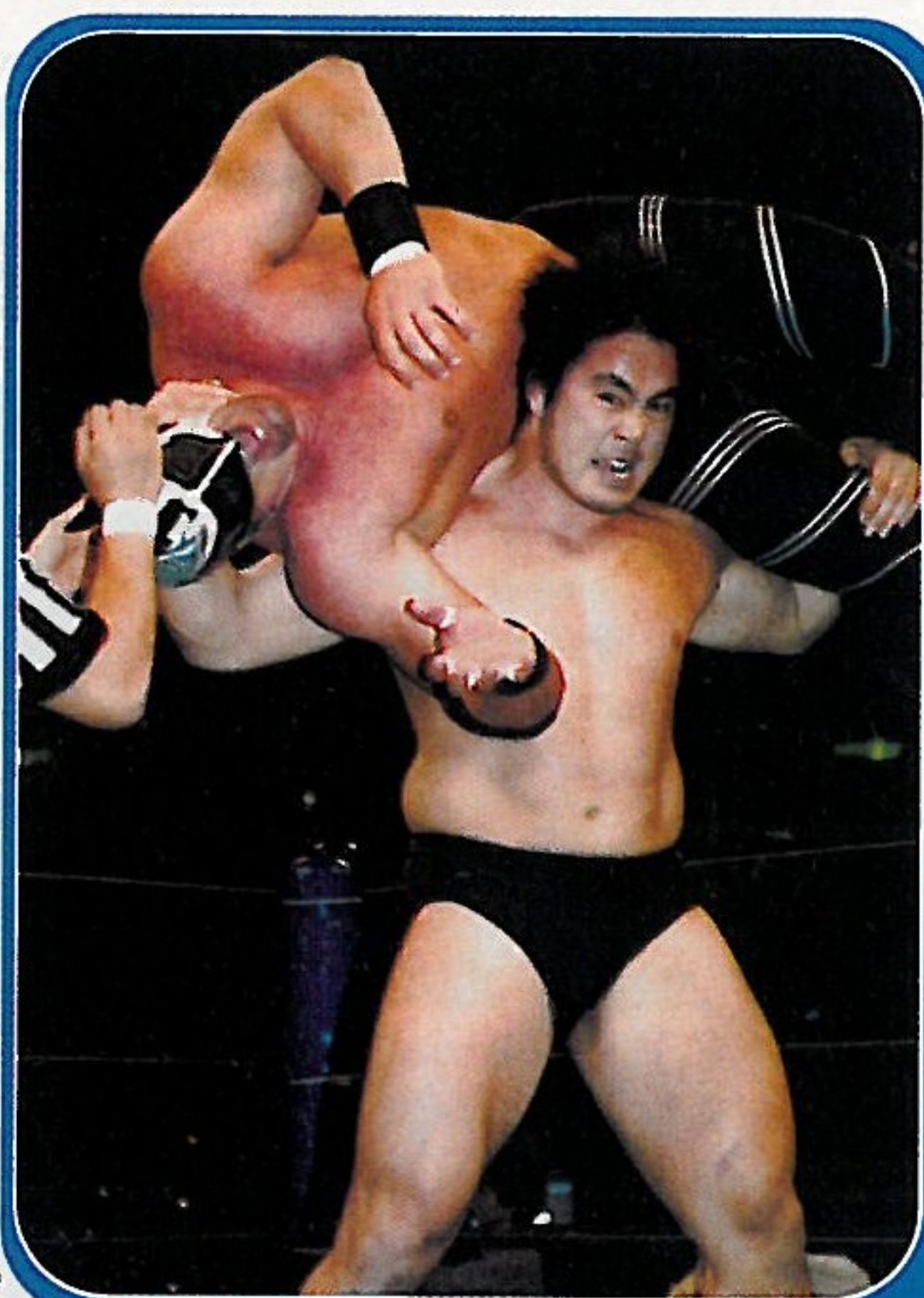
the German, tiger, and, most recently, millennium suplex hold.

77 SATANICO (5'9", 214, 28, 247) Long-time *rudo* is now accepted and even cheered by the fans in EMLL ... Has been fighting for the rights to the name Los Infernales, a trio he formed in the 1970s ... The name has since been stolen by a group of wrestlers without the consent of Satanico or any of the original Infernales ... Teamed with Shocker and Black Warrior for an important pay-per-view win over the "new" Infernales ... Is known all over the world for his dastardly tactics and unorthodox style.

78 TOMMY DREAMER (6'3", 265, 12, 28) Only a few months ago, it seemed as if his best chance at WWF employment would be as a road agent ... Kept himself very busy on the indy circuit in the spring and early-summer ... But "The Innovator

Of Violence" couldn't resist being part of the ECW faction in the WWF ... Needs more mike time to distinguish himself for WWF fans ... Hasn't used the Spicoli driver much in the WWF yet ... Back problems continue to hinder him ... The former ECW World champion must enjoy being a Heyman henchman.

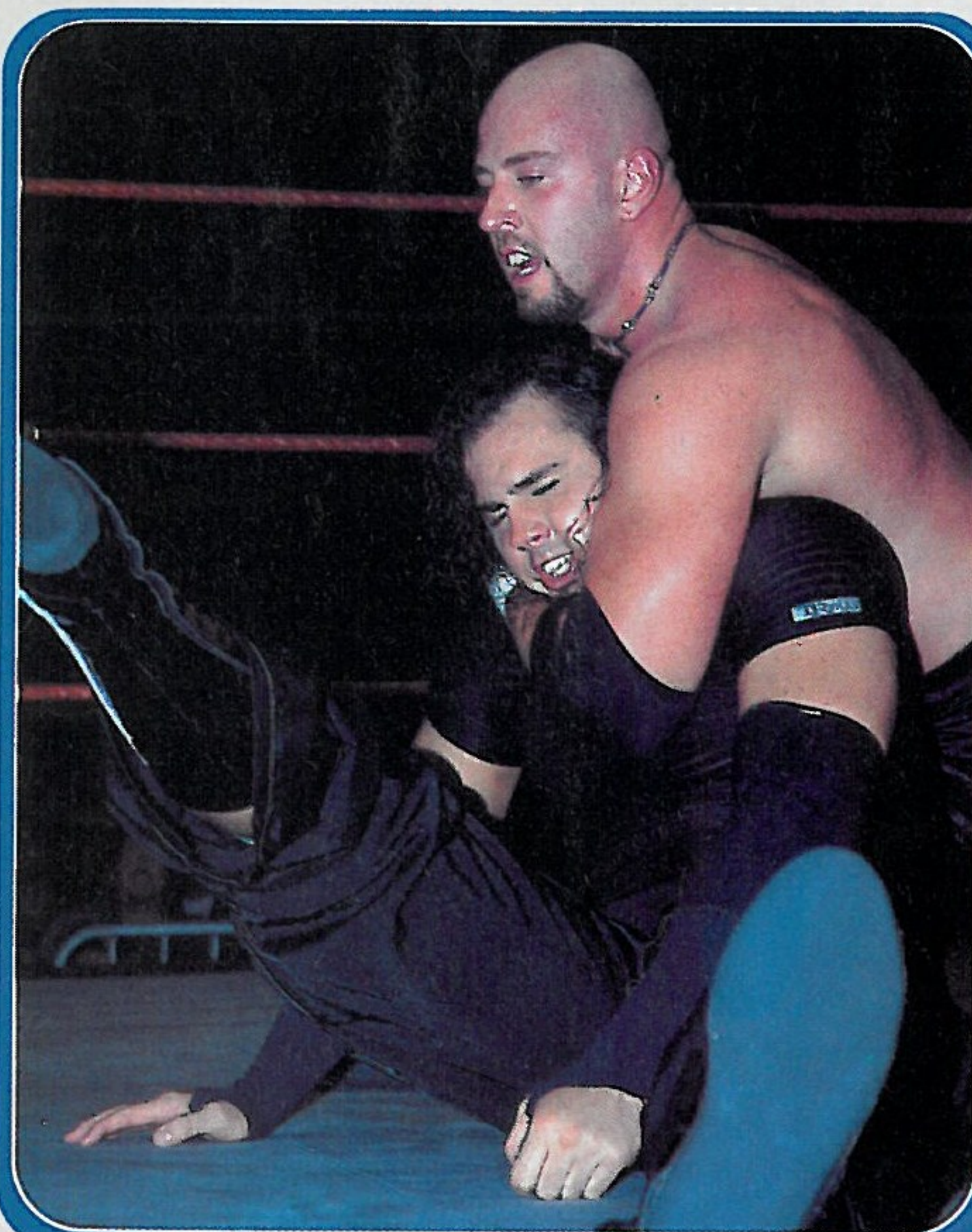
79 JUSTIN CREDIBLE (6', 225, 9, 6) Lost the ECW World title to Jerry Lynn on October 1, 2000, in St. Paul, Minnesota ... His career took a nose-dive when he joined the WWF ... Ranked number six in last year's "PWI 500," only to be relegated to X-Factor with X-Pac and Albert ... One has to wonder why Lance Storm is paired with former Team Canada partner Mike Awesome instead of ex-Impact Player Credible ... "That's Incredible" piledriver is unofficially banned in the WWF ... May have to undergo an image makeover to distinguish himself more from Steve Austin.



80 MANABU NAKANISHI (6'1", 266, 7, 29) Heavyweight powerhouse has made his presence known in both the singles and tag team divisions of New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Destroys opponents with high-impact moves in order to set them up for his torture rack ... Has teamed off and on with Yuji Nagata in the past year ... Briefly wrestled as Kurasawa in the States years ago ... Top contender to the IWGP heavyweight title, which has eluded him since his return to the Far East.

81 BULL BUCHANAN (6'3", 266, 5, 139) Became lost in Right To Censor, despite holding the WWF World tag team title with The Goodfather for more than a month in late-2000 ... Held in persona purgatory with Val Venis and The Goodfather until the WWF figures out how to revamp their gimmicks following RTC's demise ... His top-roped legdrop is one of the most effective finishers in the business ... Should join Albert in the Big Bossman Struggling Ex-Running Buddies support group.

82 SHOCKER (5', 7", 186, 6, 35) Former *technico* has been a hated *rudo* since losing his mask to former partner Mr. Niebla, but the turn has helped his career ... Appears regularly in EMLL and makes an annual trip to New Japan Pro Wrestling for the round-robin "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament ... Sometimes referred to as Super Shocker ... Continues to team with Los Guapos and keeps his hair bleached blond ... A former EMLL tag team champion who now prefers trios matches alongside Scorpio Jr. and Bestia Salvaje ... Master of the plancha ... Quick, intense Luchadore keeps getting better.



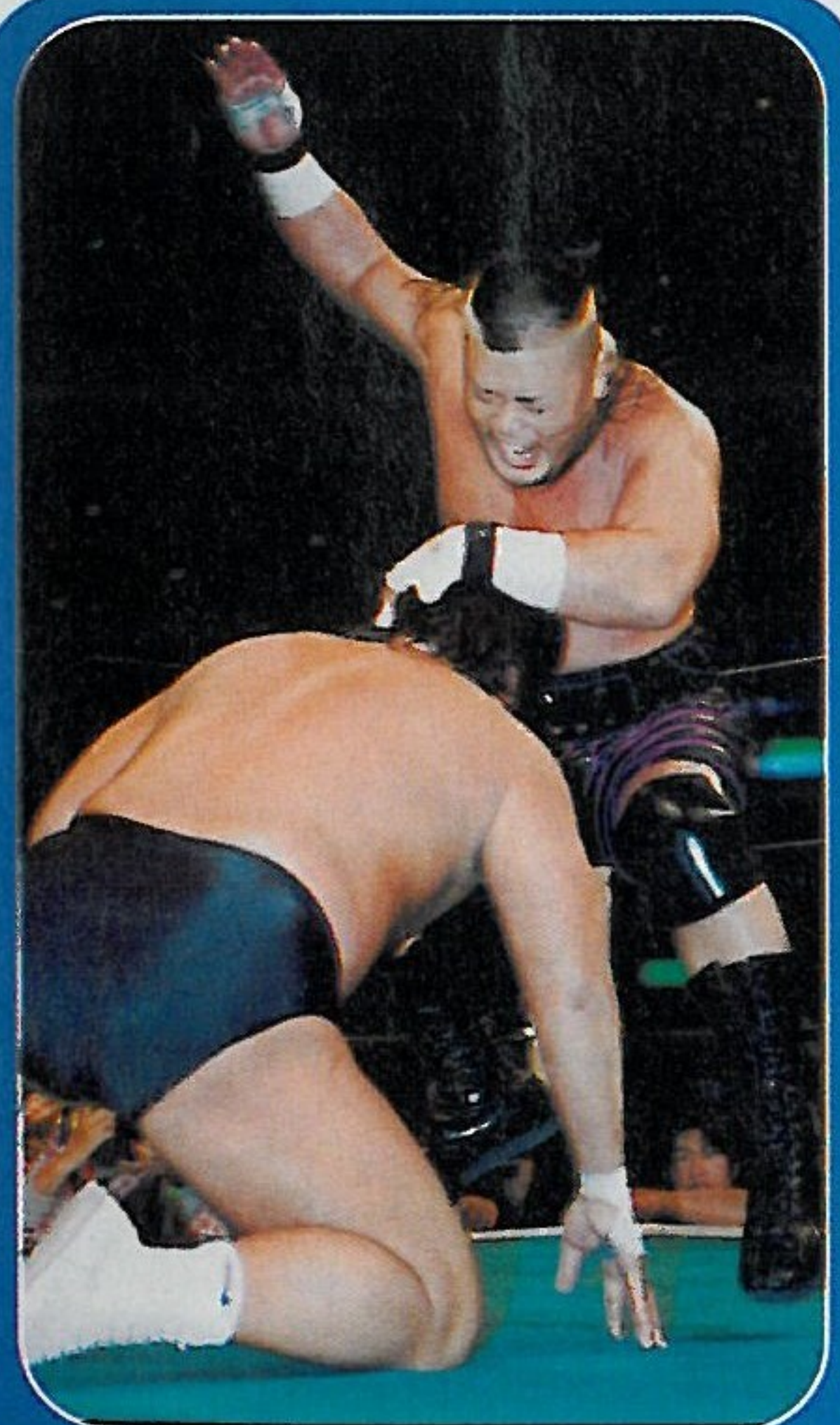
junior heavyweight champion ... Has feuded with many other masked grapplers, including The Masked Tiger (a weak impersonation) and Curry Man ... Frequently teams with Great Sasuke ... Loads his arsenal with crushing kicks and a wide array of joint locks ... Like the original Tiger Mask, he favors bridged suplexes as finishers, including



78 Tommy Dreamer vs. C.W. Anderson
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83 STEVE WILLIAMS (6'2", 282, 18, NL) Former Triple Crown champion is back in All-Japan after conducting undistinguished tours of both the WWF and WCW in recent years ... Forms a successful tag team with Mike Rotundo, another American with plenty of international experience ... Earned a shot at the Triple Crown by defeating Mike Barton ... Loves to put opponents away with his trademark Doctor bomb, or the aptly named dangerous backdrop driver.

84 HIROYOSHI TENZAN (6', 248, 11, 100) Long-time partner of Masa Chono has joined his friend in Team 2000 ... New Japan fans keep waiting for his ascension to main-event status ... Has formed a successful team with Satoshi Kojima and held the IWGP tag team title with him twice ... They are clearly the dominant team in New Japan ... Can take to the air and execute a beautiful moonsault press, but prefers to finish off opponents with his signature Tenzan driver, a cradled tombstone.



85 SATOSHI KOJIMA (6', 243, 10, 110) Rising star of New Japan Pro Wrestling is a tag team specialist ... A member of Masa Chono's renegade group, Team 2000 ... Forms a popular tandem with Hiro Yoshi Tenzan—the two are enjoying a second reign as IWGP International tag champions ... Signature move is the Rydeen bomb, a combination of a spinebuster and a power bomb.

86 GRANDMASTER SEXAY (5'10", 228, 13, 79) Flew solo in the WWF for most of the past year while Too Cool partner Scotty Too Hotty recovered from a neck injury ... Appeared headed for a showdown with Commissioner William Regal just before he was busted for possessing illegal drugs while crossing the border into Canada ... Has become the hottest attraction on the independent circuit, barely edging out his father, Jerry Lawler, and stepmom, Stacy "The Kat" Carter ... Still breaks out the goggles before delivering the hip-hop drop, a legdrop from the top rope.

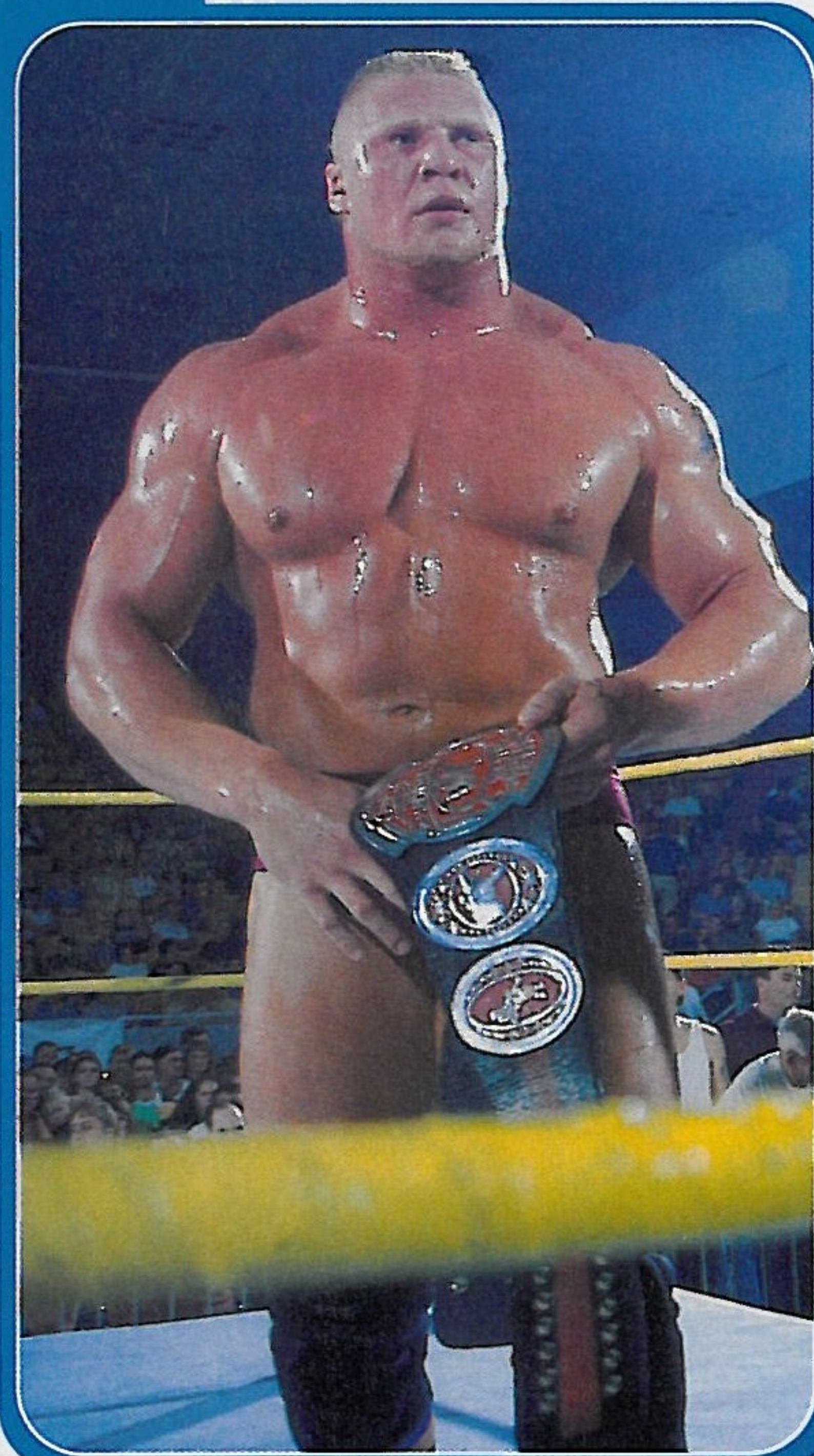
87 BROCK LESNAR (6'3", 295, 1, NL) University of Minnesota All-American is a natural ... 2000 NCAA champion in the heavyweight division ... Current Ohio Valley Wrestling Southern tag team champion with Brian Keck ... Successfully defended those belts against WWF superstars Perry Saturn and Dean Malenko at OVW's "Last Dance" in June ... Has held that same title with University of Minnesota teammate Shelton Benjamin ... Together they were known as the Minnesota Stretching Crew ... Because of his huge frame, his shooting star press is that much more impressive.

88 SCOTTY TOO HOTTY (6', 203, 12, 33) Returned to the WWF only a couple of weeks after Too Cool partner Grandmaster Sexay was caught allegedly carrying illegal drugs over the Canadian border and fired ... Sidelined for much of the past year due to a serious neck injury ... Failed to freshen his image after his hiatus, which was a necessary step because of Sexay's absence ... Capable of regaining the WWF light heavyweight title ... The worm and karate chop still get a huge reaction ... Star power further tarnished by his loss to Chavo Guerrero Jr. on *Sunday Night Heat*, setting the tone for the WCW-ECW Alliance's overall victory at Invasion.

89 ATLANTIS (5'6", 185, 18, 49) Colorful *technico* has been on a hot streak all year ... Forms a team with Rayo de Jalisco and his son, and the group has

found success in the popular trios ranks in EMLL ... One of the most experienced Luchadores active today ... Renowned throughout Mexico for his famed Argentinian backbreaker submission, a backward variation of the torture rack ... Has had some tough matches against Los Hermanos Dinamita this year ... Former middleweight and light heavyweight champion in EMLL ... One of the innovators of the high-risk style most associated with Lucha nowadays.

90 THE GODFATHER (6'6", 340, 12, 69) The hos once made him one of the most popular attractions in the WWF ... Steven Richards and RTC destroyed any appeal The Godfather/Goodfather ever had ... Turning Stacy Keibler and Torrie Wilson into hos would be an intriguing proposition ... Captured the WWF World tag team title with Bull Buchanan ... His finisher, the ho train, doesn't have as much steam anymore ... His reach and height make him a dynamic force in the ring ... Must get back to pimpin' to be a success ... WWF fans won't accept any other Godfather.

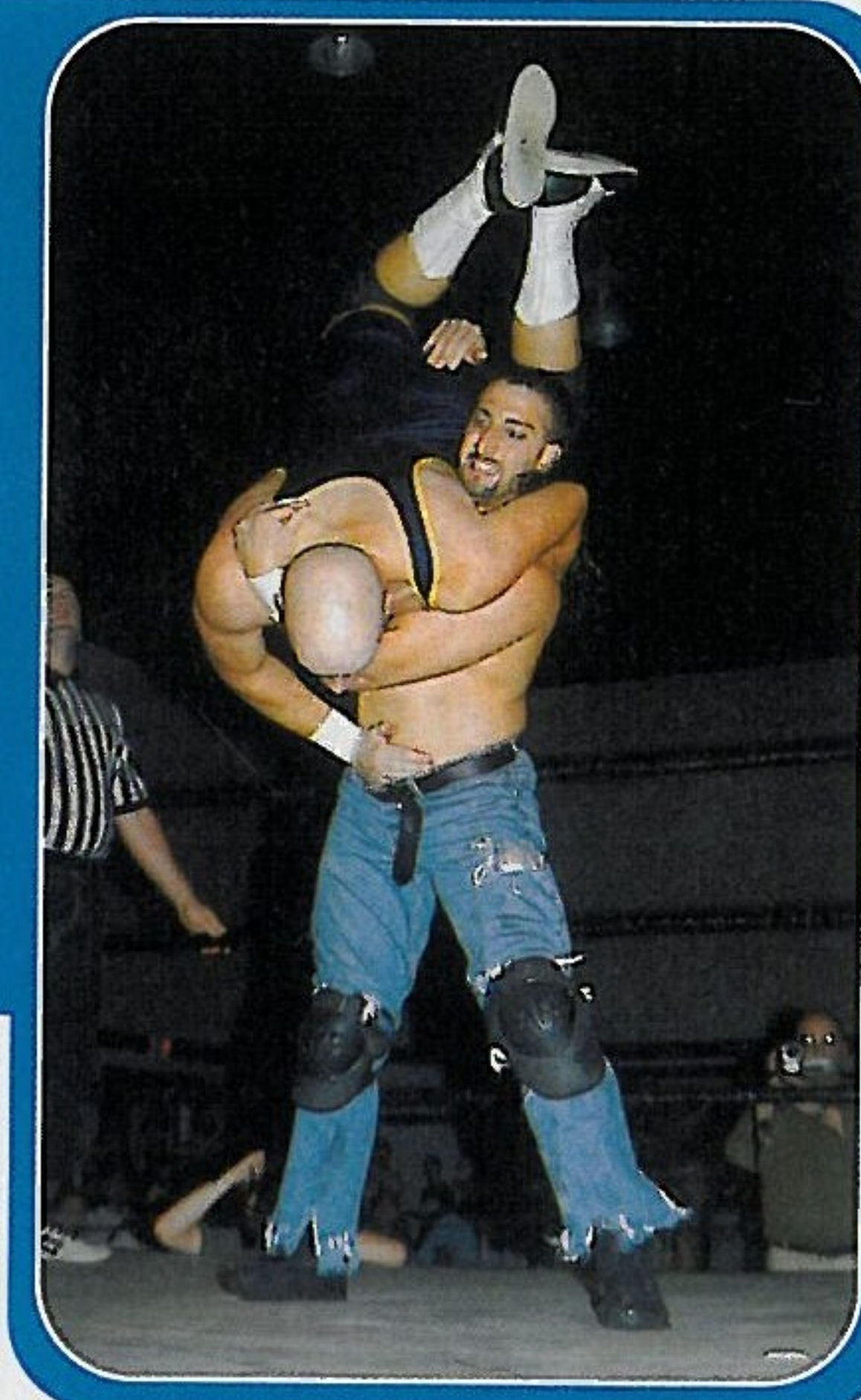


91 CROWBAR (6'2", 232, 9, 127) One of the few relatively light wrestlers to adapt to the hardcore style effectively ... Beat Reno for the WCW hardcore title in November of last year ... Lost the belt to his childhood hero, Terry Funk, at Starrcade 2000 ... Became a sympathetic figure in early-2001 ... That wasn't because he worked for WCW, but because of his unrequited love for Daffney ... Didn't lose any traction after David Flair left WCW for NWA Georgia ... Wrestled in WWF dark matches under his old name, Devon Storm, while still using the Crowbar gimmick ... Talk about cross-referencing ... His tornado DDT rivals that of Chavo Guerrero Jr.

92 SHANNON MOORE (5'10", 177, 6, 140) Three Count broke up last year ... Continued to team with Shane Helms, even against Jamie Knoble and old pal Evan Karagias on occasion ... Became a contender to WCW cruiserweight champ Chavo Guerrero Jr., but Helms edged him out ... Has wrestled for NWA Wildside and New Generation Wrestling during the last few months ... A fearless high-flyer ... Known as Kid Dynamo when he first competed in the Carolina independents.

93 SHINJIRO OTANI (5'8", 224, 10, 77) Vanished from New Japan rings for a while, and returned about 30 pounds heavier ... Popular high-flyer has bulked up to heavyweight class, in which he's been struggling to make an impact ... Lost his IWGP heavyweight title match to Kensuke Sasaki, but even his most devout fans doubted his chances ... A former IWGP junior heavyweight champion, and one of the few men to hold the eight-title J-Crown years ago ... Lost to Sean McCully in a crucial Zero-One match ... Favorite moves include the dragon suplex and spider bomb.

94 SUPER CRAZY (5'8", 181, 13, 39) Former ECW star spent some time on the American independent scene before heading to Puerto Rico and his native Mexico, where his star status hasn't diminished much ... "The Insane Luchadore" got caught up in the feud between Los Vipers and Los Vatos Locos, a war that has raged for years in AAA ... Master of the springboard moonsault ... Thrilling feud with Tajiri helped turn Crazy into one of the most well-rounded wrestlers in the game ... A former ECW TV champion, with vast



international experience, including a stint in the WWF.

95 OCTAGON (5'7", 190, 12, 147) Remains among AAA's most popular *technicos* ... Abandoned his life as a lawyer in Mexico to chase his wrestling dream ... Often called "the hero of the children" ... Sometimes teams with his mini counterpart, midget wrestler Octagoncito ... Long-time partner of Mascara Sagrada ... The two are among the most respected duos in Lucha ... Strings together blindingly quick armdrag combinations that leave opponents dizzy ... Still feuds with his sinister counterpart, Pentagon ... Pet

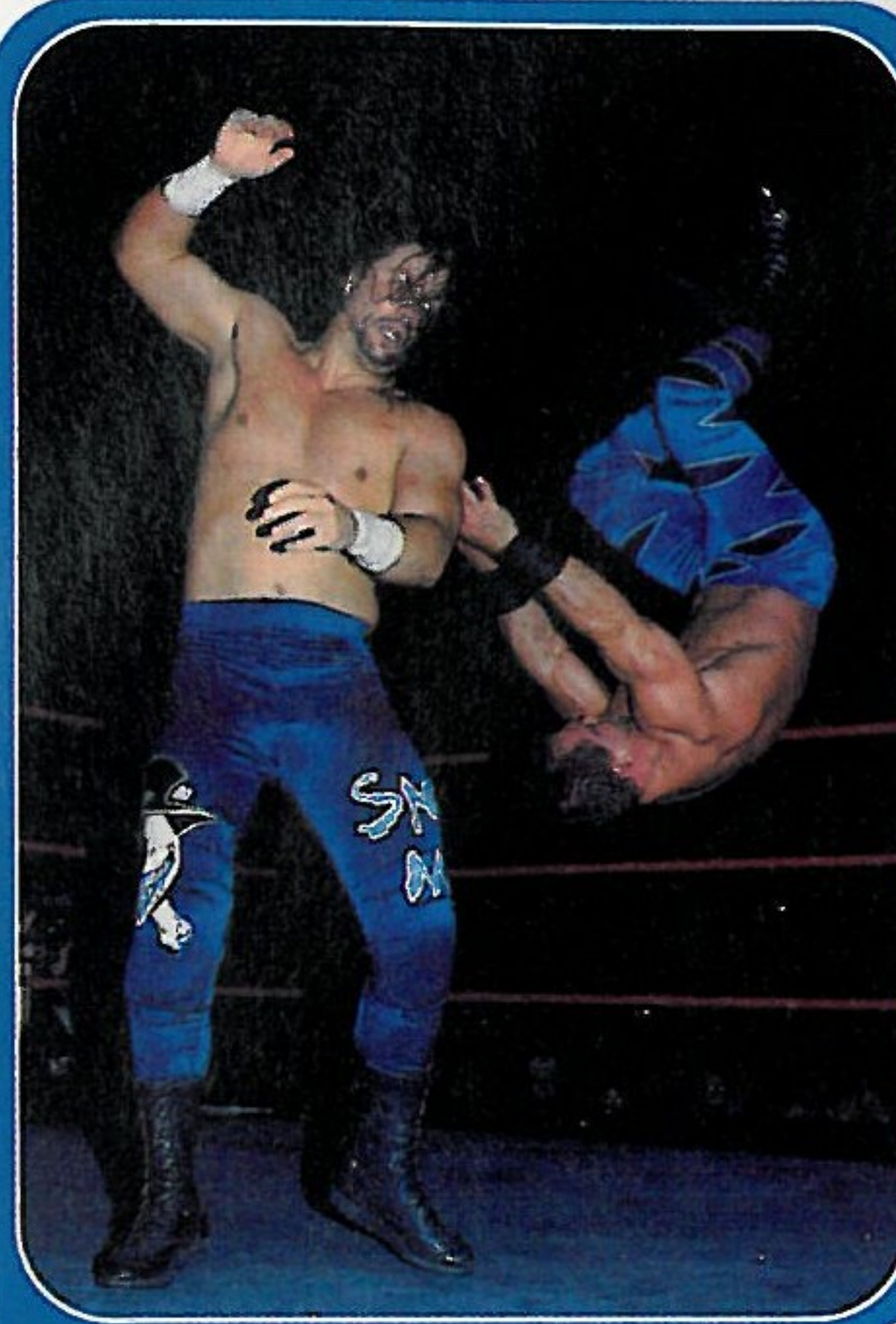


submission hold is a side Russian legsweep turned into an octopus hold.

96 CHRIS CANDIDO (5'8", 226, 11, 129) Hasn't returned to national prominence since his WCW cruiserweight title reign in the spring of 2000 ... His highest-profile matches have occurred in California's Xtreme Pro Wrestling, although he typically competes on the Northeast independent circuit ... Popular in NWA Jersey because many fans remember that the hometown boy captured the reactivated NWA title in Cherry Hill seven years ago ... Competed in New Japan's "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament this year ... The first major American star to use the top-rope legdrop as a finisher ... Usually accompanied by his long-time girlfriend, Tammy Sytch.

97 RIKISHI (6'2", 423, 15, 27) Revealed himself as the hit-and-run driver who ran over Steve Austin at Survivor Series '99, thereby infuriating "Stone-Cold" and The Rock ... Triple-H stole all the heat from him when he was revealed as the mastermind of the conspiracy ... The Undertaker threw him off the top of the "Hell In A Cell" cage and onto the back of a flatbed truck at Armageddon ... The former Intercontinental champion had a less-than-stellar year because of a nagging shoulder injury and some other maladies ... Became a fan favorite again after Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley's badmouthing discouraged him from being a McMahon family thug ... His previous heel turn, combined with injuries that still plagued him as of press time, have hampered his career.

98 SCOTT HALL (6'8", 290, 16, NL) Former WCW and WWF star now appears regularly across the globe for New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Still uses the Outsider's edge as a finishing move ... A former WWF Intercontinental and WCW TV and World tag team champion ... Has found success in the tag team division of New Japan with Scott Norton as his on-again, off-again partner ... His size and power made him a serious contender immediately upon his arrival in Japan ... Fans haven't forgotten his involvement with the NWO, which was just as infamous in the Far East as it was here in the United States.



99 AL SNOW (6'1", 233, 19, 97)
A car accident in Ohio put his career on the skids for a while ... Went from a supporting to a lead role on MTV's *Tough Enough* series ... That led to his co-host duties on *Sunday Night Heat* ... Perhaps he will continue to pick up Tazz' old jobs ... The WWF has failed to tap into this veteran's full potential ... The Snowplow, actually a Northern Lights bomb, is his finisher ... Remained the butt of Mick Foley's jokes in *Foley Is Good*.

100 TATSUHI TO TAKAIWA (5'10", 227, 8, 52) Former IWGP junior heavyweight champion left New Japan this year to join Shinya Hashimoto's Zero-One promotion ... Powerhouse has been adding flying moves to his repertoire ... Executes his Death Valley driver flawlessly ... Held the IWGP junior tag title twice with Shinjiro Otani ... Their styles complement each other perfectly ... Won last year's "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament, which gave fans a new respect for him ... Scored an important win over Naomichi Marufuji on a Zero-One pay-per-view in the spring ... Likes to finish off opponents with his triple bomb.

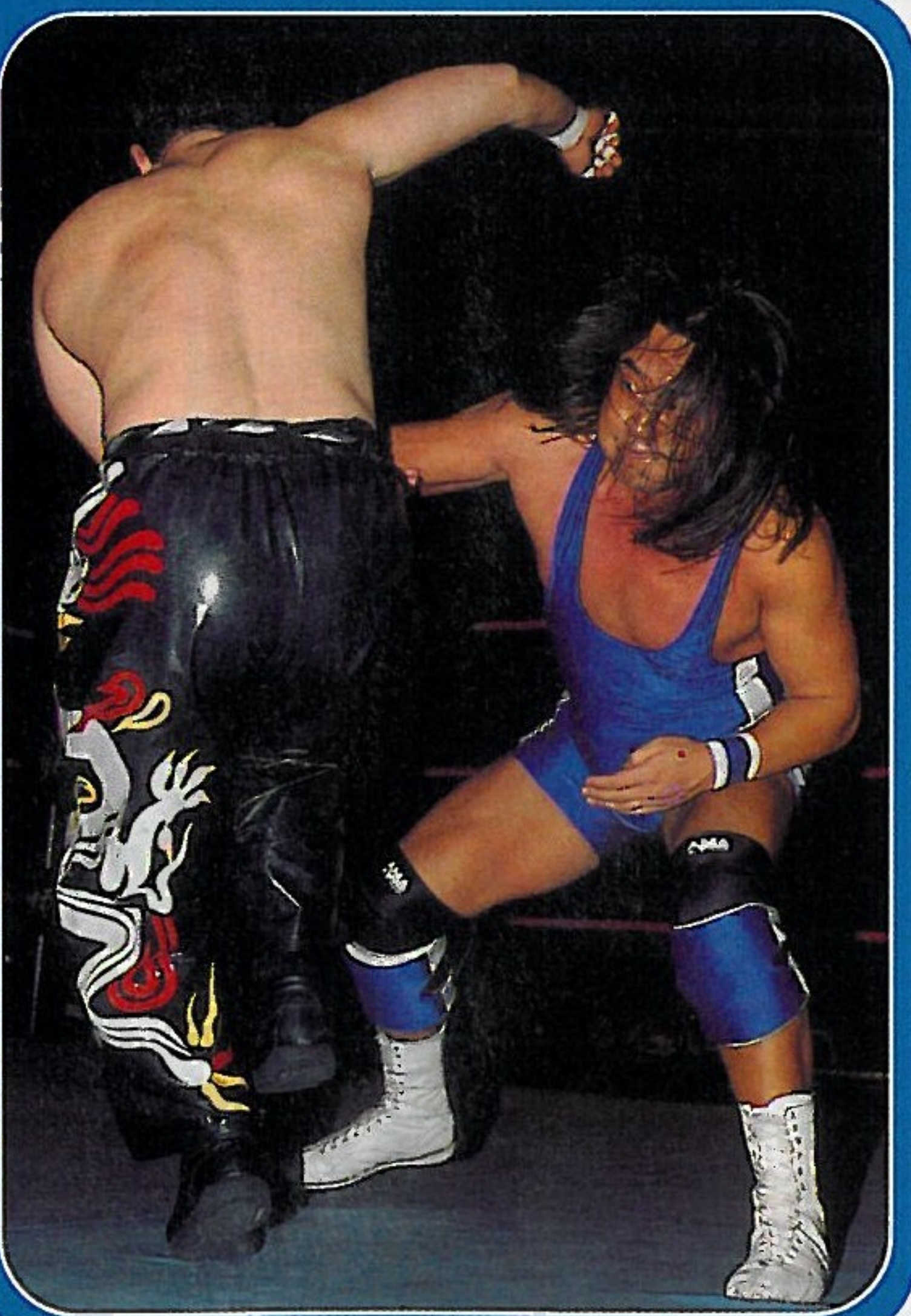
101 TAKA MICHINOKU (5'7", 169, 10, 84) Signed as a major international star in 1997, Michinoku has been relegated to a comedy act in the WWF ... Too bad for Taka that Tajiri has a lock on stereotypical roles in the company ... The technical excellence of a well-hyped series between Michinoku and Essa Rios might have some

appeal ... His Kaientai tag team with Sho Funaki hasn't been given a fair push ... His Michinoku driver began a rash of imitators a few years ago ... Probably the least appreciated star in the WWF.

102 RECKLESS YOUTH (5'8", 199, 6, 130) Long known as the "King Of The Independents" ... In fact, no other indy wrestler has consistently ranked as high as Reckless over the years ... Chose not to renew his WWF developmental deal earlier this year and ended his WWF career in Memphis ... Feuded with William Regal while he was there ... Defeated Mike Sullivan in the first round of the 2001 Super 8 ... Lost to The American Dragon in the second round ... His long-running rivalries with Mike Quackenbush and Don Montoya continue in the Northeast ... Lost his highly anticipated first match against Christopher Daniels at an East Coast Wrestling Association show in November 2000.

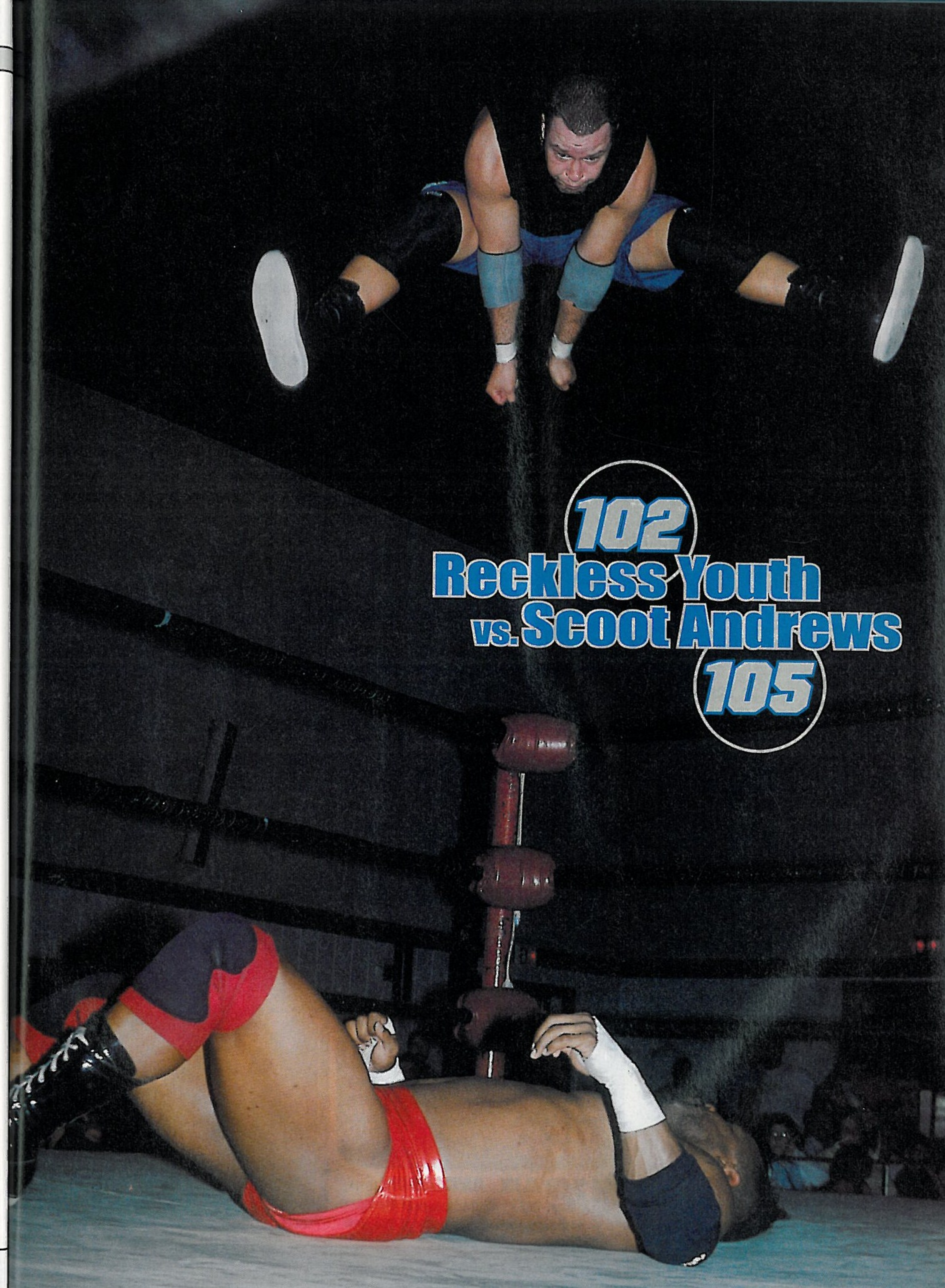
103 SHO FUNAKI (5'8", 192, 11, 135) Could have been the new Tiger Mask, but ended up as a fumbling version of Jackie Chan ... Indeed! ... The fact that Funaki wrestled in so many hardcore matches against Steve Blackman demonstrates how miscast he has been in the WWF ... Still teams with Taka Michinoku as a member of Kaientai ... Can select from a number of leg clutch submissions for his finisher ... Unfortunately, he finishes many of his matches flat on his back.

104 LA PARKA (6', 230, 14, 131) Crazy, comedic Luchadore is no tecnico, but the fans cheer him as if he's one ... Returned to action in Mexico after the collapse of WCW ... Was welcomed back by Lucha fans, particularly in Tijuana, where his popularity is enormous ... Still likes to pummel opponents with steel chairs, which is why he has the nickname of "The Chairman" ... Outlandish skeleton body suit is one of wrestling's most recognizable outfits ... A talented high-flyer who can adjust to virtually any style ... Not to be confused with AAA's La Parka Jr., a cheap imitation of the real thing ... Whirling senton mortal is an effective and crushing signature move for him.



105 SCOOT ANDREWS (5'11", 222, 8, 203) The "Black Nature Boy" teams with Ricky Apollo in Florida Championship Wrestling ... Less popular in the East Coast Wrestling Association, where he's a member of Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance ... Defeated Billy Fives and former WCW star Rick Fuller in a three-way match for the ECWA title on May 5 ... Beat Chad Bowman in a qualifying match for a spot in the six-man elimination match for the Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup on July 18 ... Forced to submit by Mike Quackenbush in the elimination match ... Two days later, Andrews retained the ECWA belt in a three-way bout against Simon Diamond and Pete Gas.

106 HAKU (6', 294, 24, 184) Regained the WCW hardcore title and dominated Crowbar, Norman Smiley, and The Wall in that division ... Dropped the hardcore title somewhere on the independent circuit before making a surprise appearance in the Royal Rumble ... Meng reverted to his old WWF name, Haku ... His Tongan deathgrip is almost as frightening as his hair ... Refuses to join the WCW-ECW Alliance despite his late



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107 THE SANDMAN (6'3", 244, 12, 86) Lost to Justin Credible in the first round of a "Double Jeopardy" match for the ECW World title at November to Remember ... Finally held the ECW championship after it was recognized as a world title by *PWI* ... Reigned as champion for about five minutes at January's Guilty as Charged—until TV champ Rhyno stampeded him to capture the title ... Hit the Northeast independent circuit after ECW's demise ... His Singapore cane is always a potent weapon.

108 NAOYA OGAWA (6', 232, 5, 83) Japan's top judo star still shows up in New Japan from time to

time ... Feud with NOAH's Mitsuharu Misawa has been brewing in the rings of Zero-One, where both men occasionally compete ... Protege of the legendary Antonio Inoki, who is almost always in his corner ... Never-ending feud with Shinya Hashimoto is still a point of excitement for Japanese fans, even years after their initial confrontation ... A former NWA heavyweight champion, he vacated the title when no serious title contenders emerged to challenge him.



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109 NEGRO CASAS (5'7", 180, 22, 102) One of EMLL's

110 RICK STEINER (5'11", 248, 17, 101) Missed half of the past year due to injuries ... Experienced a resurgence as a key member of Ric Flair's Magnificent Seven ... Captured his first U.S. title in early-2001 ... His title reign was compared to Steve McMichael's ... Provided superb backup for his brother, then-WCW champ Scott Steiner ... Lost the U.S. belt to Booker T on March 18 in Jacksonville, Florida ... Continued to use his famed bulldog off the top rope ... Has plenty of time for hunting with Eric Bischoff now.

111 DEAN MALENKO (5'9", 216, 21, 48) Established himself as the most dominant WWF light heavyweight champ since Taka Michinoku ... Failed to bring the WWF's light heavyweight division to prominence as he did WCW's cruiserweight division ... Fatally attracted to Lita in a strange May-September relationship ... Even

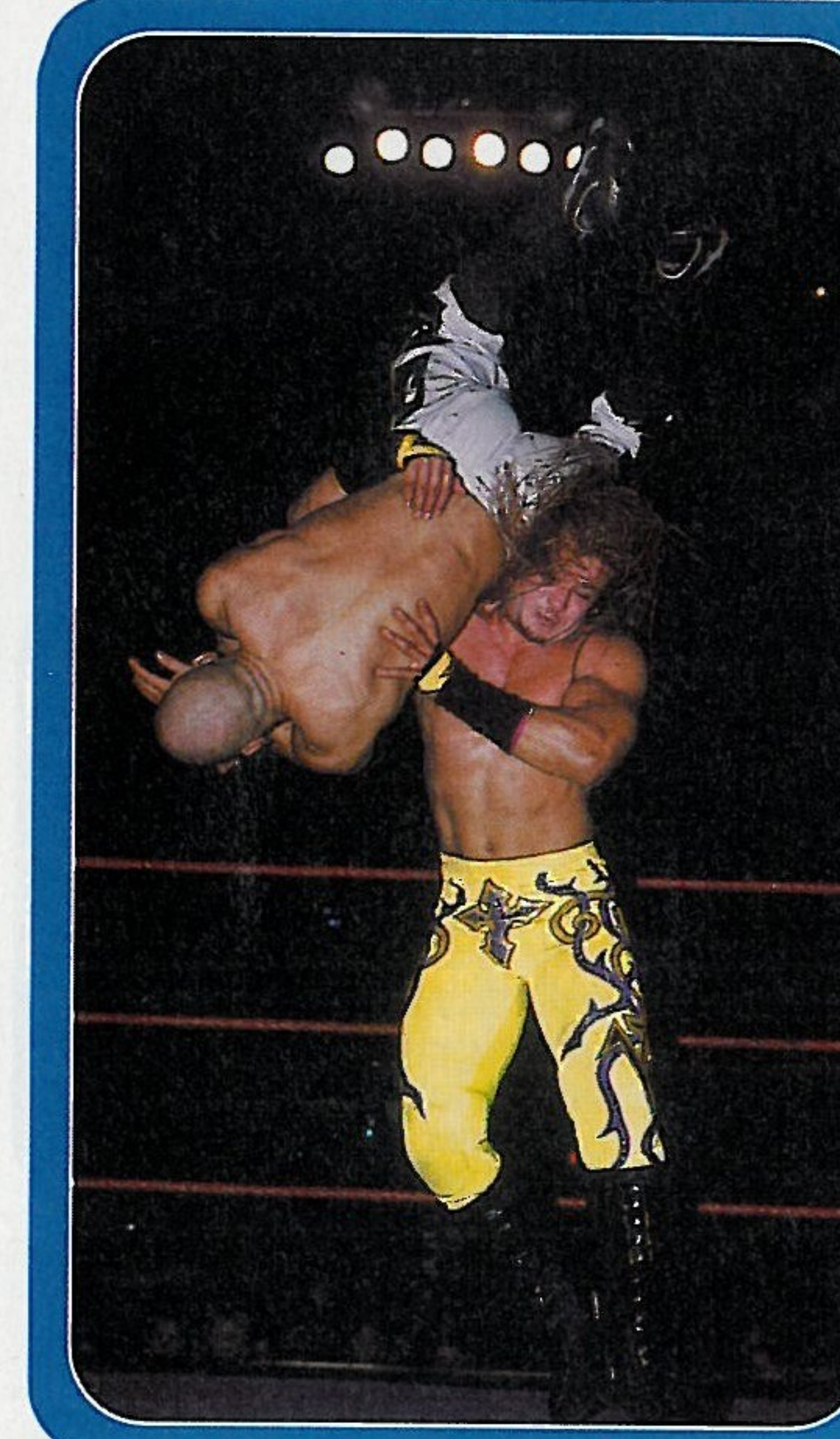
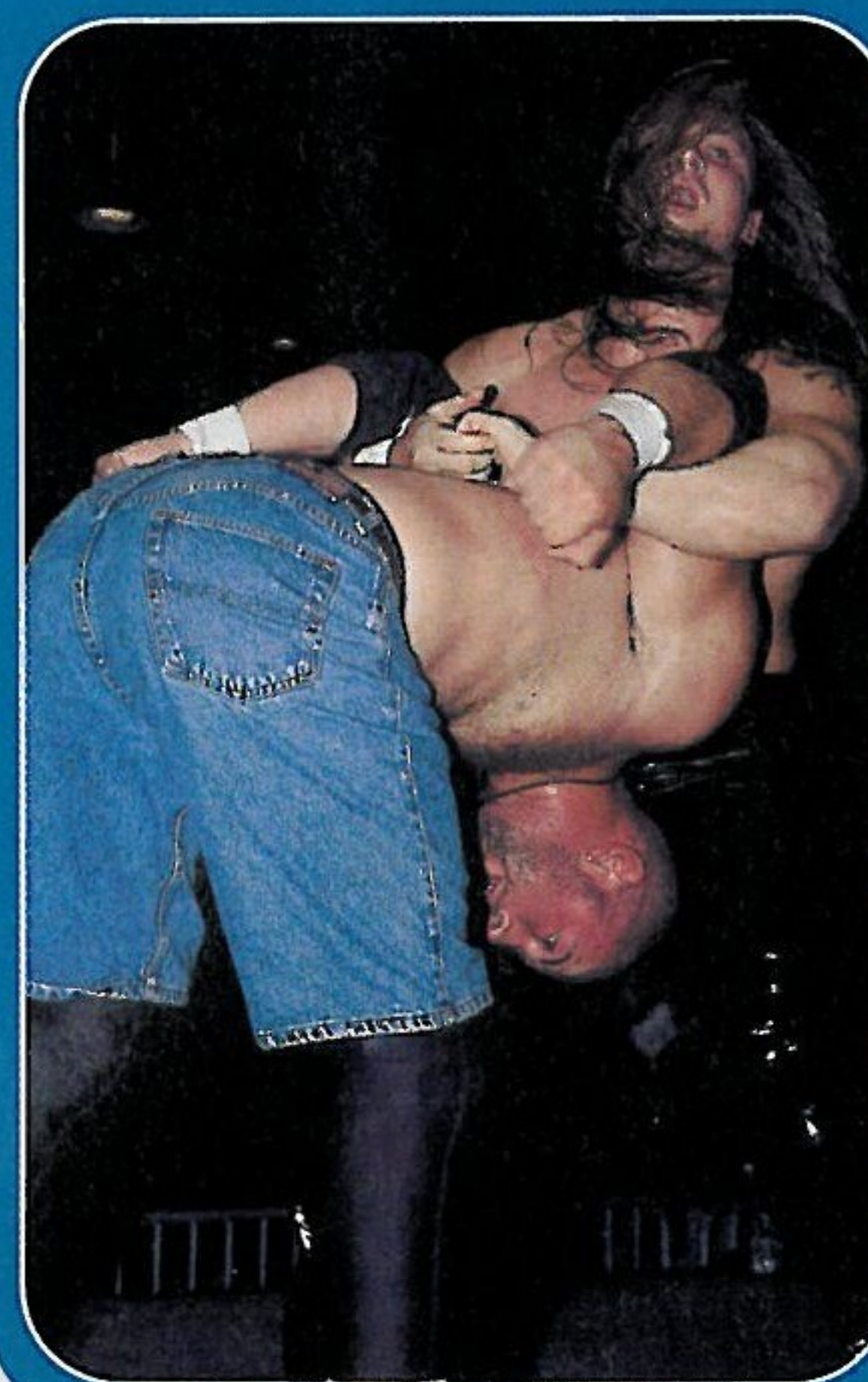
Perry Saturn is beginning to upstage him ... His days as a Radical appear to be over ... Rumors persist Malenko is more interested in a behind-the-scenes position in the WWF rather than continuing as an active wrestler ... Could be invaluable as a trainer and/or road agent ... Ranked number one in the "PWI 500" in 1997 ... His Texas cloverleaf doesn't get as loud a response in the WWF as it did in WCW.

112 C.W. ANDERSON (6'1", 237, 7, 158) Left partner Bill Wiles and manager Lou E. Dangerously of The New

Dangerous Alliance ... Aligned himself with Simon Diamond and Johnny Swinger ... Became a key player after so many ECW stars left for the WWF in late-2000 ... Upset Tommy Dreamer in the greatest match of his life ... Probably would have been the TV champ if ECW hadn't folded ... The forgotten Anderson returned to his roots by joining Southern Championship Wrestling and capturing the North Carolina State title ... Works mainly Southern and East Coast independents.

113 BLUE PANTHER (5'6", 205, 23, 70) Scientifically sound Luchadore has been a *rudo* for almost his entire career ... Injured his hand and fingers in one bout but didn't miss a match; he wrestled with his hand taped up ... Panther has been feuding with Los Villanos and others in EMLL ... Has teamed with the likes of Fuerza Guerrera, El Signo, Dr. Wagner Jr., and Black Warrior ... Has held numerous middleweight titles in Mexico, as well as some trios championships ... Submission expert loves to make opponents tap out to one of a number of unusual holds.

114 KID KASH (5'11", 210, 7, 68) Upset Rhyno for the ECW TV title on August 26, 2000, in New York City ... Went to two no-contests with then-World champ Justin Credible in Huntington, West Virginia, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida ... Rhino regained the TV belt on September 9 in Mississauga, Ontario ... Returned to North Carolina independents shortly before ECW's official demise.



115 HIROSHI HASE (5'11", 226, 16, 157) Veteran has spent the last few years dividing his time between All-Japan and the Japanese Diet, where he serves as a senator ... Also showed up in New Japan this year ... Surprised fans by teaming with long-time rival Keiji Muto to face ex-partner Kensuke Sasaki and Toshiaki Kawada in a dream match this spring ... His uranage suplex, the golden arm bomber, is still among the best in the sport ... Political career continues to take precedence over his wrestling career, and his matches are more and more infrequent.

116 MIKE ROTUNDO (6'3", 244, 20, 263) WCW and WWF veteran last appeared in Japan for New Japan Pro Wrestling, but recently jumped to All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where he reprised his tag team with Steve Williams ... The two did extremely well in the AJPW tag tournament ... Has wrestled under a number of names in his career, from Irwin R. Schyster to Michael Wall Street ... Despite their age, he and Williams continue to enjoy success as a team in All-Japan ... Favorite finishing move is a flying clothesline.

117 ESSA RIOS (5'8", 203, 7, 80) Faded into relative obscurity after Lita caught him romancing some hos ... Remains a staple of the WWF undercard at house shows and in dark matches ... Lita adopted his moonsault press ... Appears to be a step below Kaientai in the pecking order ... That means he mops up after hardcore matches ... Has the talent to regain the light heavyweight title ... Granted, it's easier to beat Gillberg than X-Pac.

118 DANNY DORING (5'10", 202, 3, 136) He and Roadkill developed a cult following in ECW, taking them from opening match comic relief to genuine contenders ... They promised to split up if unable to defeat The Full-Blooded Italians for the ECW World tag team title at Massacre on 34th Street ... Doring and Roadkill succeeded in beating Tony Mamluke and Little Guido Maritato for the belts ... Returned to his proving ground, the New Jersey independent scene, after ECW went bankrupt.

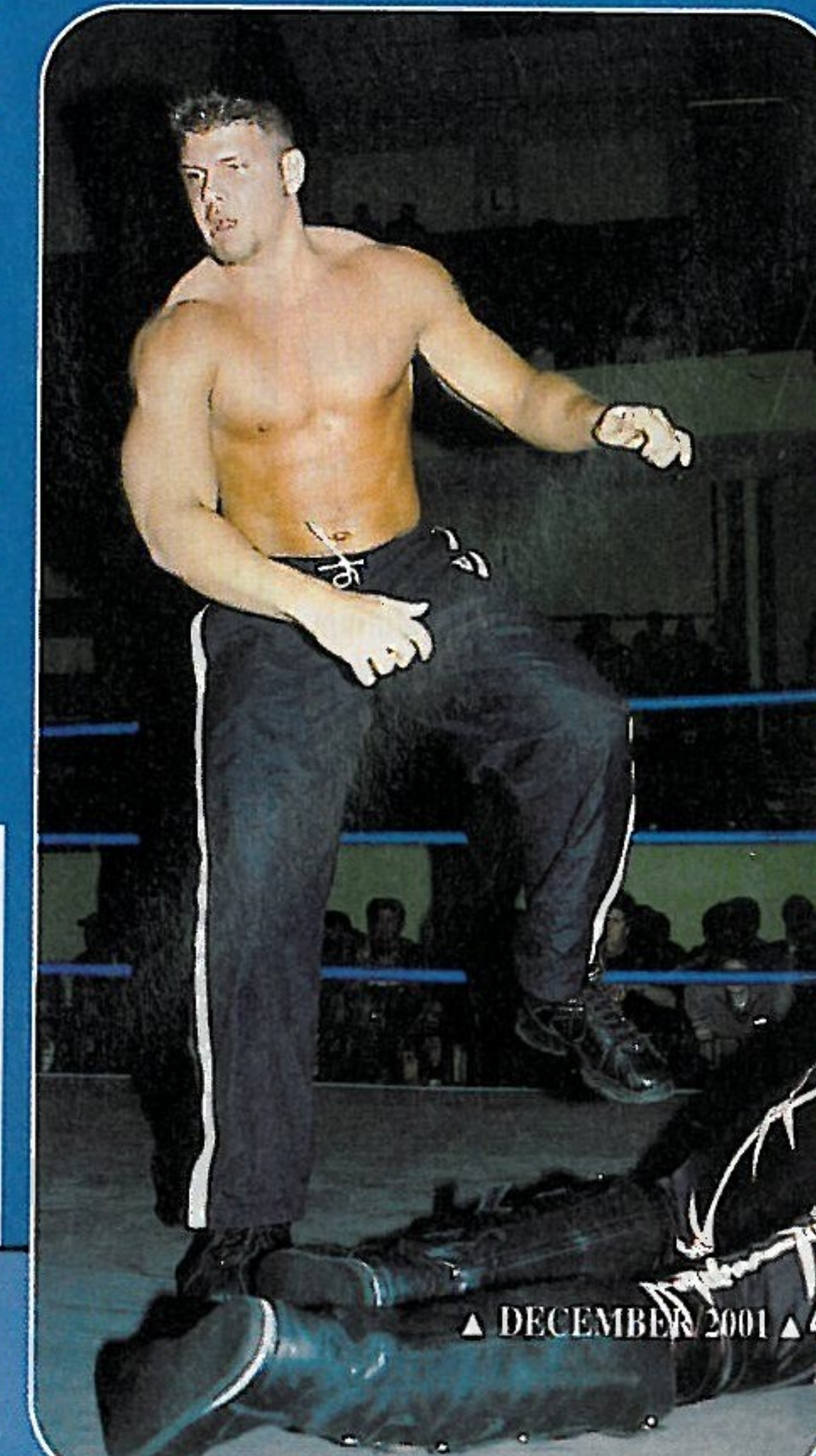
119 MARK JINDRAK (6'5", 253, 2, NL) Founding member of The Natural Born Thrillers ... He and Sean O'Haire became the breakout players when they won the WCW World tag team title in a battle royal on September 25, 2000 ... They dropped the belts to Lt. Loco (Chavo Guerrero Jr.) and Cpl. Cajun (Lash LeRoux) on October 9 in Sydney, Australia ... Jindrak and O'Haire regained the straps later on the show ... They lost the title to Alex Wright and Disco on November 16 in Oberhausen, Germany ... Jindrak got the worst end of the deal when he traded O'Haire for Shawn Stasiak, and O'Haire took Chuck Palumbo as his new partner ... A very quiet member of the WCW-ECW Alliance.

120 RICKY MARVIN (5'6", 152, 3, NL) High-flying *technico* survived a number of hair vs. hair matches in his native Mexico this year ... Had a number of show-stealing performances on EMLL pay-per-views this year ... Won a fan following in Japan

last year when he wrestled in the Super J Cup ... Calls his daring suicide dive a spaceman corkscrew plancha ... Has feuded with the likes of Americo Rocca and Sangre Azteca ... Pet move is the corkscrew splash, which he usually performs from a springboard.

121 CHARLIE HAAS (6'2", 265, 5, 341) Competed in Memphis Championship Wrestling under a developmental contract with the WWF for most of the past year ... Held the MCW Southern tag team title with his brother, Russ ... A member of Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance in the East Coast Wrestling Association, where he and Russ have held the tag team title ... The Haas Brothers have wrestled in WWF dark matches against Chris Chetti and Nova, Steve Bradley and Scott Vick, and The Dupps ... Trained in amateur wrestling by two-time Olympic gold medalist John Smith ... "Iron" Mike Sharpe and Jim Kettner helped train him in the pro style.

122 AKIRA TAUE (6'5", 266, 13, 94) Long-time All-Japan veteran is still going strong in the NOAH promotion ... Not as successful in tag team matches since losing regular partner Toshiaki Kawada in the NOAH/All-Japan split ... A former All-Japan Triple Crown champion ... His *nodowa otoshi*, or choke-slam, is utterly devastating; he will sometimes execute it from the ring to the floor ... Inventor of the ruby erosion, a half-choke-slam, half-suplex move.



123 SHAWN STASIAK (6'4", 242, 4, 161) The most experienced member of The Natural Born Thrillers ... "Perfect-Shawn" formed The Perfect Event with "The Main Event" Chuck Palumbo ... They won the WCW World tag team title from Alex Wright and Elix Skipper, who was substituting for an injured Disqo, on November 20, 2000 ... Stasiak and Palumbo lost the belts to The Insiders, Kevin Nash and Dallas Page, six days later ... Also lost to The Insiders at Starrcade 2000 ... Split from the Thrillers ... Stacy Keibler decided *WCW Monday Nitro* would be *The Shawn & Stacy Show* when she joined Stasiak in early-2001 ... The fisherman suplex, a maneuver he stole from Curt Hennig, was a perfect addition to his repertoire ... A member of the WCW-ECW Alliance.

124 JOEY MATTHEWS (5'9", 185, 5, 154) His one-time rivalry with Christian York has become an effective partnership during the past couple of years ... He and York wrestled in ECW until the fall of 2000 when they were contracted by WCW and sent to NWA Wildside, the WCW developmental group ... Was released from that contract when WCW folded ... Signed a WWF developmental contract and went to Memphis ... Released on June 20 ... Showed signs of revitalizing his singles career by winning the Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup, a cruiserweight tournament sponsored by Maryland Championship Wrestling ... The top contender for MCW cruiserweight champion Qenaan Creed and several other cruiserweight titleholders on the East Coast.

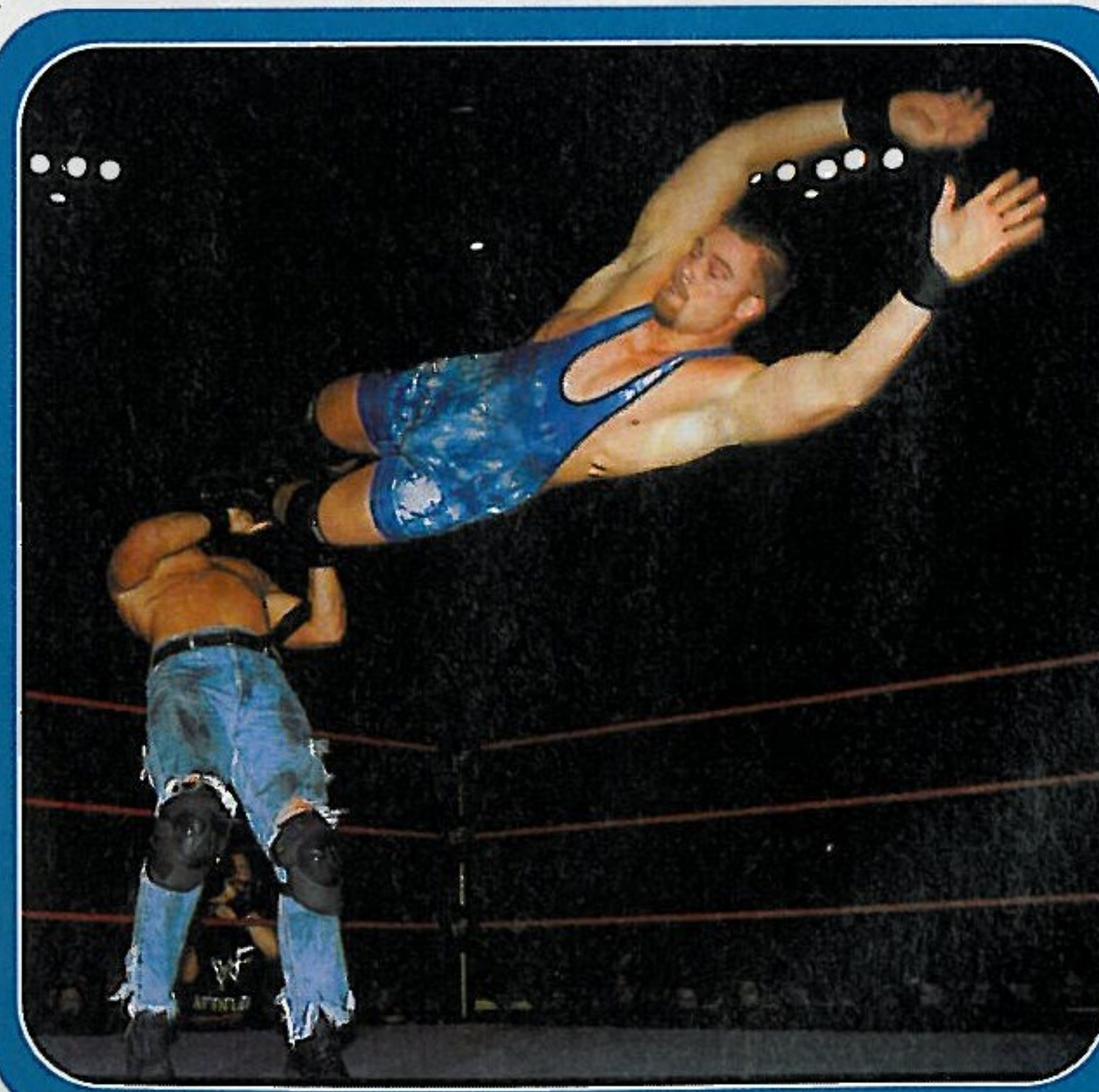
125 BILLY GUNN (6'5", 268, 9, NL) The Dudley Boyz severely injured his shoulder by putting him through a table last year ... Missed more than six months of action before returning to the WWF ... Lost the use of his "Mr. Ass" moniker and failed to gain momentum with Billy G as his name ... Decided "The One" was the one ... Ate a meatball sandwich at WWF New York during WrestleMania X-Seven ... Insulted that he wasn't invited to participate in this year's King of the Ring tournament, which he won in 1999 ... His famous finisher is usually on target ... Now teaming with The Big Show

as The Showgunns ... Could become more dangerous as he becomes more desperate for respect.

126 DICK TOGO (5'9", 222, 10, 168) High-flying star of Michinoku Pro has experience in Mexico and the



United States ... Left Osaka Pro earlier in the year, where he was one of the top stars ... A former British Commonwealth junior heavyweight champion ... One-time leader of Kaientai is on his own now and has found singles success without his four partners ... One of the most despised heels on the *puroresu* scene has a bit of a cult fan following in spite of his cheating ways ... Finisher is a bonecrushing senton from the top rope.



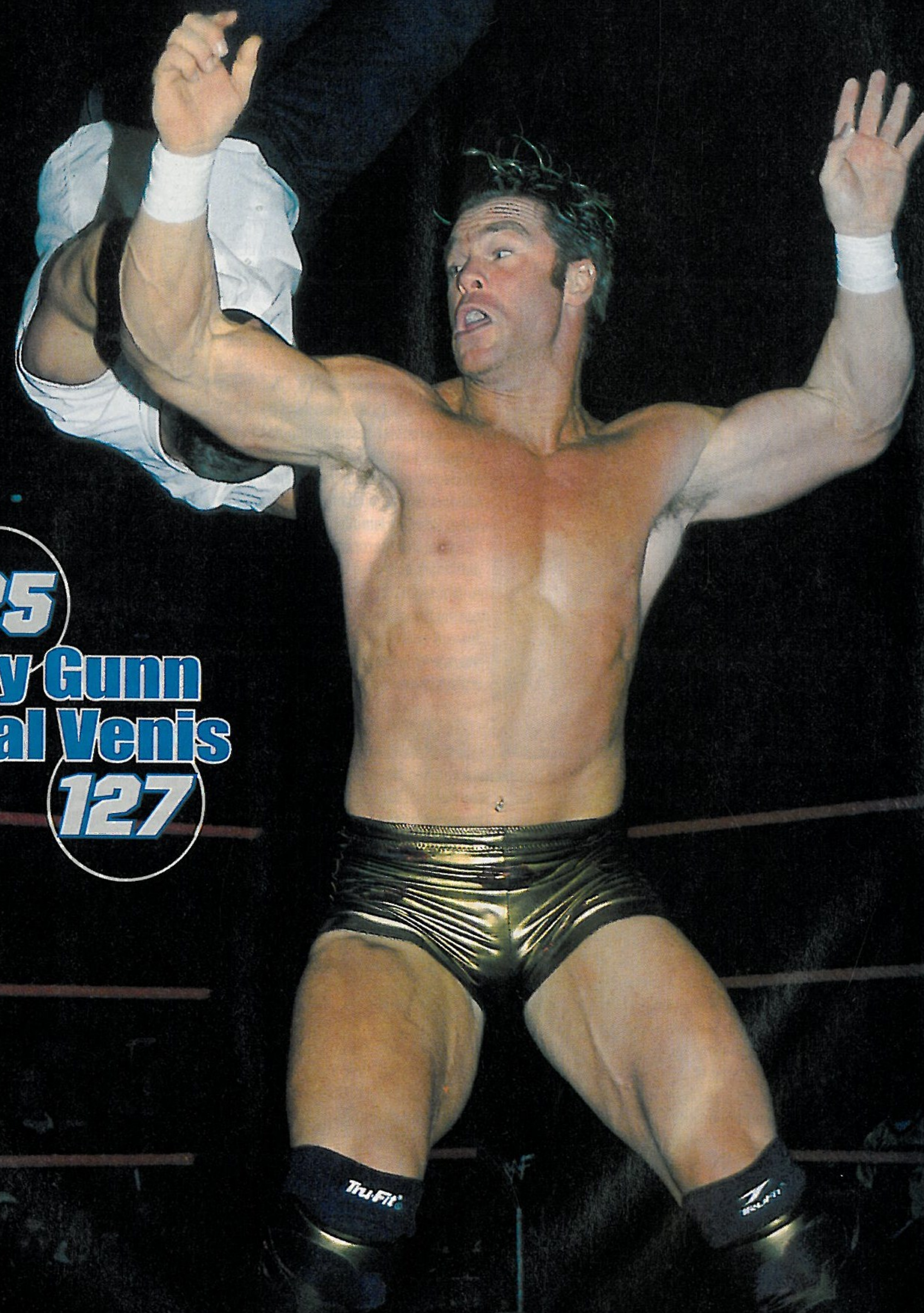
127 VAL VENIS (6'2", 250, 6, 74) His once-skyrocketing career fell like a meteor this year ... Foundered with The Goodfather and Bull Buchanan in Right To Censor ... A return to the porn star gimmick would be adequate, but he needs a character with more depth to become a top-tier player ... His splash from the top rope, formerly called the money shot, is still his finisher ... Has the natural charisma and athletic attributes to be a main-eventer ... The staunch Libertarian might need to start playing politics backstage.

128 CHRISTIAN YORK (5'10", 218, 4, 148) Often teased by superstardom, only to have it taken away ... He and frequent partner Joey Matthews have wrestled for each of the former Big Three ... WCW terminated their contracts due to budget cuts, ECW was headed for bankruptcy, and the WWF released the duo from developmental deals on June 20 ... Now teams with Matthews in Maryland Championship Wrestling and several other East Coast promotions.

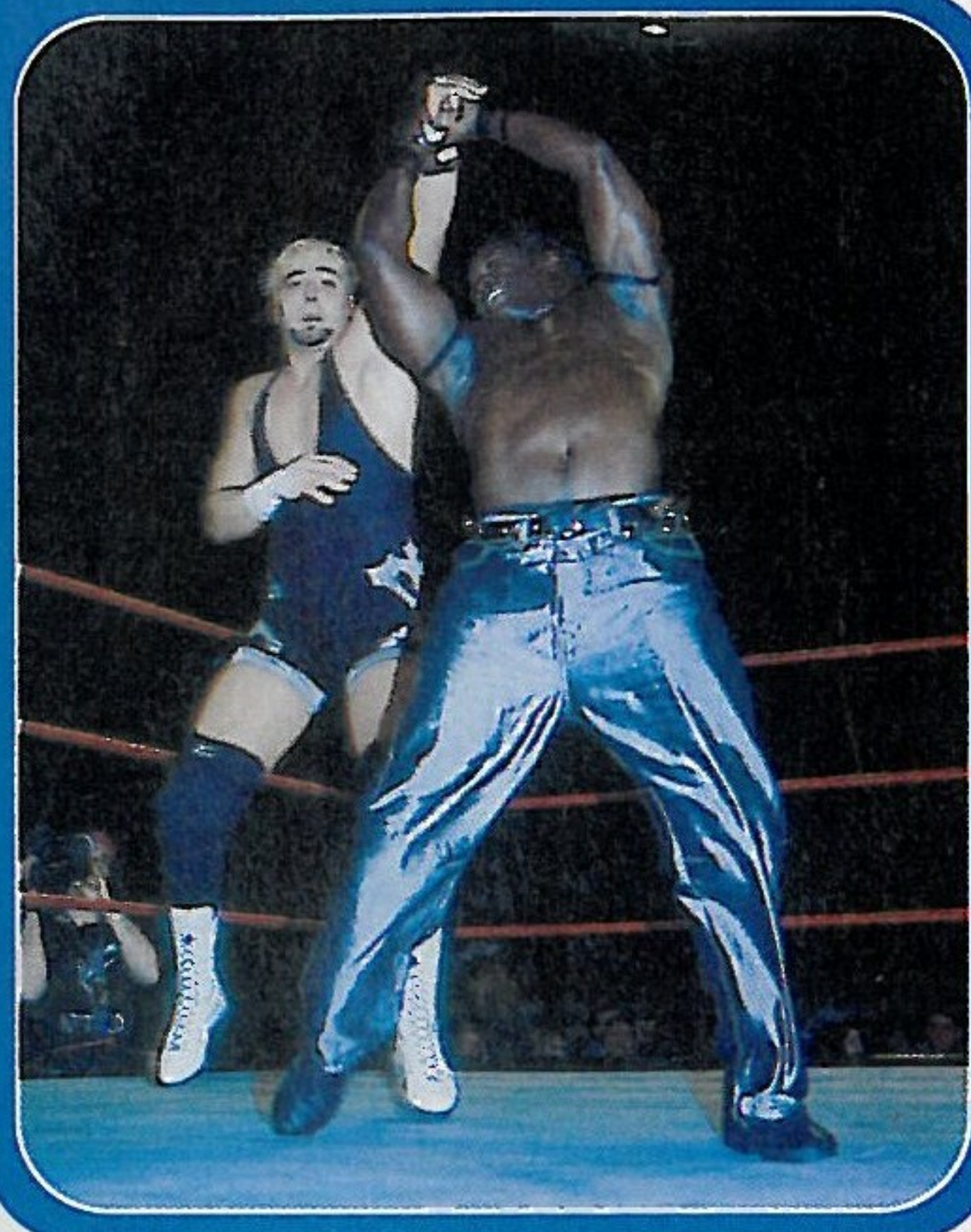
129 GREAT SASUKE (5'8", 180, 11, 47) Michinoku Pro's top star is still among the finest high-flyers in the world today, despite years of risk-taking and many injuries ... His senton variation was made famous by Jeff Hardy, who dubbed it the swanton ... The inaugural J-Crown champion, he unified eight junior and light heavyweight titles before eventually losing the championship to Ultimo Dragon ... Likes to team with Tiger Mask IV and has even teamed with the original Tiger Mask, Satoru Sayama ... A former IWGP junior tag team champion with Jushin Liger ... His quebrada, or Asai moonsault, is still the best in the game ... Favorite maneuver is the thunder fire bomb.

130 RUSS HAAS (6'2", 245, 5, 345) Signed a WWF developmental contract and competed in Memphis Championship Wrestling for most of the past year ... In addition to holding the MCW Southern tag team title, he and his brother, Charlie, are former East Coast Wrestling Association tag team champs ... A member of Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance in the ECWA ... Considered the high-flyer of The Haas Brothers ... Belonged to the Oklahoma Junior National Freestyle wrestling team ... The Haas Brothers' untapped potential was the subject of a feature story in the August 2001 issue of *Inside Wrestling*.

125 Billy Gunn vs. Val Venis 127



131 K-KWIK (6'2", 225, 4, NL) Formerly known as K-Krush ... Wrestled in NWA Georgia before signing a WWF developmental deal to compete in Memphis ... A former Wildside TV champ ... Changed his name to K-Kwik when he was called up to the WWF ... Formed a wrestlin' and rappin' tag team with Road Dogg ... Hasn't hit his stride as a singles star since Road Dogg was fired ... Released a rap single a few years ago entitled "I've Got Issues" ... A potential tag team partner for X-Pac.



132 MIKE QUACKENBUSH (6', 191, 10, 160) "Lightning" Mike appears with promotions all over the country ... Penned his first book, *Headquarters*, this year ... Pummels his foes with brutal kicks and his signature palm strikes ... Won the EWF light heavyweight and APWF Internet titles during a one-week span in April ... Added the alligator clutch, a pinning combination he learned from Mae Young, to his regular arsenal ... Feuds with the likes of Don Montoya, Reckless Youth, Minoru Fujita, and Matt Vandal ... Inventor of the reverse niagara driver variation called the Quackendriver, which he uses to finish off opponents.

133 DISQO (6', 238, 10, 137) Did not renew his managerial license following his stint with The Mamalukes ... Abandoned his old Disco Inferno name in order to be down with The Filthy Animals ... Followed Konnan, Rey Misterio Jr., Juventud Guerrera, and Tygress around as their personal lackey ... Kicked out of the Animals ... Reunited with Alex

Wright to form Boogie Nights ... The chart-buster, a variation of the stunner, continues to be his finisher ... Just starting to increase his presence on the independent scene.

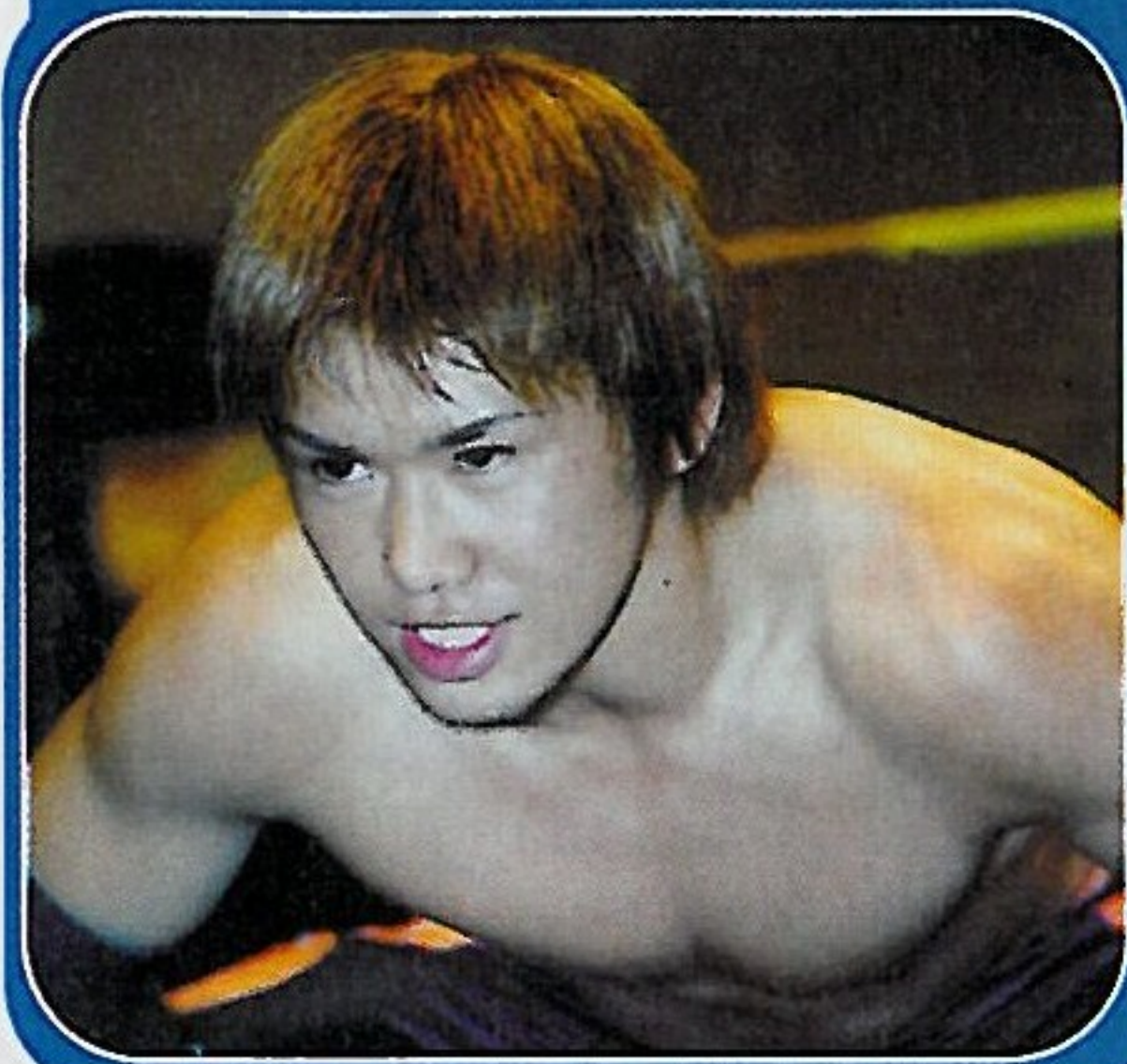
134 BLACK WARRIOR (5'10", 195, 15, 46) Despite his cheating ways, this EMLL *rudo* has amassed a solid fan following ... The nephew of Blue Panther, he sometimes wears a mask combining elements of his own personality and style with the panther look of his uncle's legendary mask ... Has held the trios title in EMLL ... Executes a very impressive super Frankensteiner ... Sometimes sends opponents flying into the audience with his high-impact, head-first tope suicida.

135 JOHNNY SMITH (6'0", 235, 19, 175) British grappler is most popular in the Orient, where he wrestles regularly for All-Japan ... A former All-Japan International tag team champion with partner Taiyo Kea ... Held his own in this year's "Champion's Carnival" tournament, but didn't fare as well in the Triple Crown title tournament, in which he dropped his opening-round match ... Had a successful run with Jim Steele as his partner years ago ... Pet move is the British fall, a slam converted into an inverted DDT.

136 ROADKILL (6', 300, 4, 122) His fascination for chickens surpasses his reputation as "The Angry Amish Warrior" ... Roadkill's odd pairing with Danny Doring began to click as they rose from the third tier to the top tier ... They defeated The Full-Blooded Italians for the ECW World tag team title in December 2000 ... His top-turnbuckle splash is always a crowd favorite ... Returned to the Northeast independent circuit after ECW went out of business.

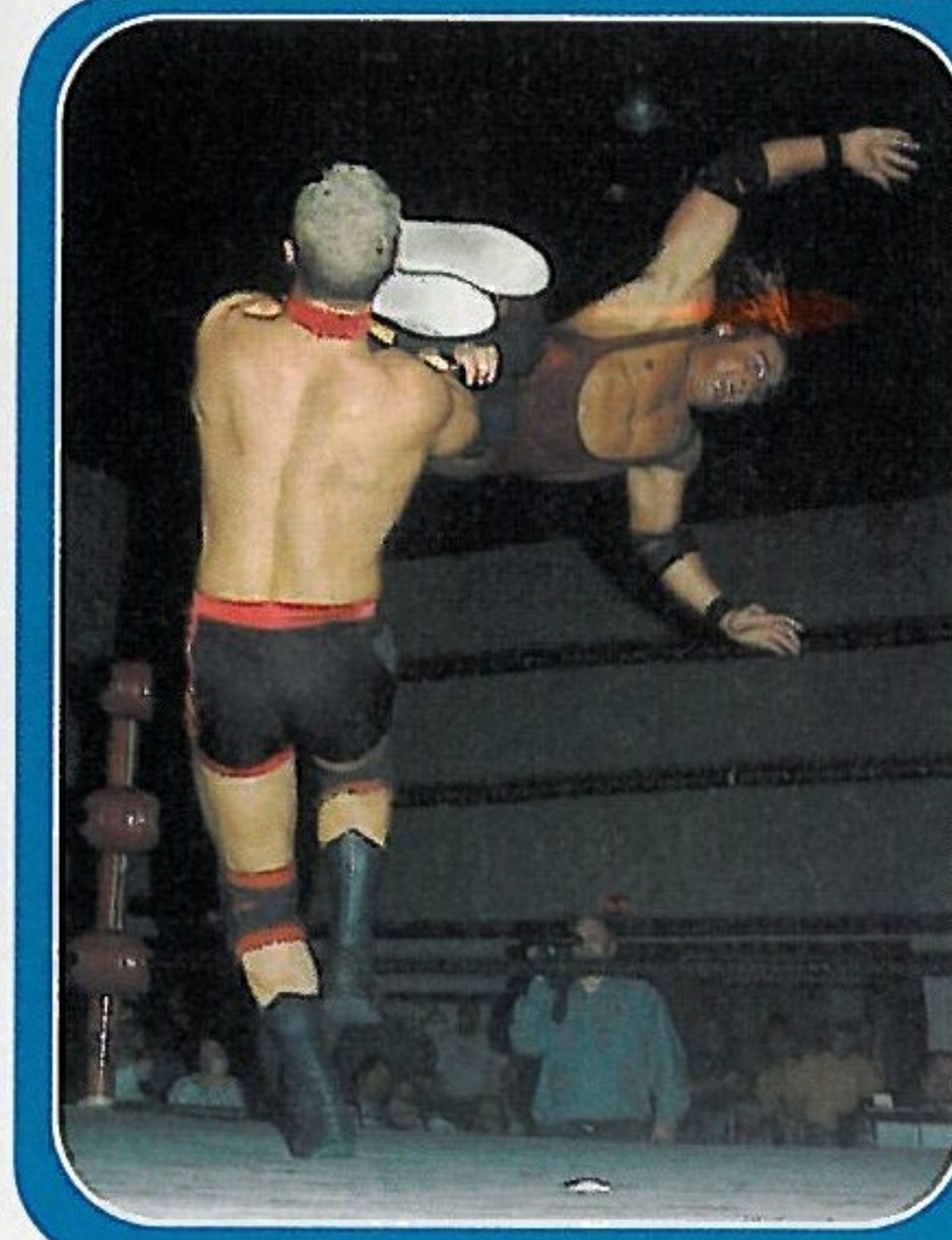
137 STEVEN RICHARDS (6'2", 227, 9, 215) Founded Right To Censor, which was comprised of Bull Buchanan, The Goodfather, Val Venis, and Ivory ... Took all the fun out of Goodfather and Venis' characters, and was intent on ridding the WWF of all sex and gratuitous violence ... Guided Buchanan and Goodfather to a one-month World tag team title reign in late-2000 ... Failed to establish himself as a singles star, despite his considerable ring skills ... Never quite meshed with the WWF and is expected to return to the independent circuit ... Still hasn't fully realized his potential ... The super-kick is his finisher.

138 MINORU FUJITA (5'10", 190, 4, NL) Star of Michinoku Pro spent the last year globetrotting to Mexico and the United States ... Started his career with Big Japan Pro Wrestling, and even had a brief stint in BattlArts ... Career skyrocketed after his appearance in New Japan's 2000 "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament ... Spent the spring months in Mexico with the IWRG, occasionally wrestling for Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... Summer months saw Fujita competing in the American independents, where he feuded with the likes of Reckless Youth and Mike Quackenbush ... Has an outstanding Northern Lights suplex at his disposal ... Favorite submission hold is the reverse viper hold.



139 MIKE BARTON (6'4", 256, 9, 231) Former WWF star (as Bart Gunn) has found his niche in All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Had a long, successful tag team run as Johnny Ace's partner before Ace returned to the States ... That was no surprise, since he held the WWF World tag title with Billy Gunn three times ... Fans still remember his knockout victory over Steve Williams in the "Brawl For All" competition years ago ... His size and power give him a distinct advantage over many All-Japan stars ... Beginning to shine to in singles competition ... Had a strong showing in the "Champion's Carnival" tournament this year, almost making it to the finals.

140 TAZZ (5'9", 248, 14, 55) The once camera-shy Tazz became part of the *Smackdown* announcing team with Michael Cole after Jerry Lawler left the WWF ... His new duties took precedence over his ring career, although he remains in his prime ... Tapped as one of the instructors for MTV's *Tough Enough* ... Became known for his harsh, yet honest assessment of trainees ... He acted like Sgt. Carter instructing a bunch of Gomers ... Confronted Steve Austin after Austin beat up Cole on *Smackdown* ... The revival of ECW in the WWF has resurrected his wrestling career ... Yoshihiro Tajiri blinded Tazz with green mist to beat the former ECW champ at Invasion.



141 GUIDO MARITATO (5'9", 201, 10, 109) Little Guido reluctantly resurrected The Full-Blooded Italians with new partner Tony Mamaluke ... They defeated Yoshihiro Tajiri and Mikey Whipwreck for the ECW World tag team title on August 26, 2000, in New York City ... The FBI reigned for over three months before losing to Danny Doring and Roadkill on December 3, also in New York City ... Remained one of the most loyal ECW mainstays over the years ... Perhaps the best mat grappler in ECW history ... Currently touring the Northeast independent circuit.

142 VILLANO IV (5'9", 209, 24, NL) This *rudo* and former WCW undercard wrestler turned *technico* along with his two wrestling siblings, Villanos III and V ... The three Villano brothers like to team as a trio for six-man matches, but a variety of injuries have kept that from happening too often ... A regular with EMLL, but the Villano name and legacy is known throughout the entire Lucha world ... Best known for his mat wrestling skills, but he won't hesitate to take to the air with a tope or plancha when the time is right ... Bright pink and purple outfit is the trademark of all the Mendoza brothers who have become Villanos.

143 2 COLD SCORPIO (5'11", 224, 12, NL) High-flying American star has a new home with NOAH in Japan ... Sometimes teams with fellow WWF/WCW alum Vader or NOAH newcomer Jardi Frantz ... Still has one of the most accurate 450 splashes in the sport, but that should come as no surprise—he invented the high-risk maneuver during his days training at the New Japan dojo ... Has wrestled all over the globe under names like Flash Funk and Flying Wazama ... Experience in WCW, ECW, and other companies allows him to adjust to every style from Lucha Libre to hardcore brawls.

144 STEVE BRADLEY (6'3", 235, 6, 152) Competed in Memphis Championship Wrestling, the East Coast Wrestling Association, and Puerto Rico's IWA during the past year ... Lost the MCW Southern title to Joey Abs, and then demanded an immediate rematch ... Bradley celebrated for a few minutes until Seven goaded him into another title match ... Exhausted, Bradley lost the belt to Seven ... Wrestled J.J. Johnston, Simon Diamond, and Inferno in the ECWA ... Similar to Rob Van Dam in appearance and style ... Won the Super 8 in 1999.

145 D-LO BROWN (6'1", 275, 8, 105) Tried to salvage his sinking career by forming Lo-Down with Chaz ... Mistakenly used a leaky bucket named Tiger Ali Singh as his manager ... The WWF dissed the trio by not letting Lo-Down compete at the Royal Rumble ... Lo-Down was sent down low to Puerto Rico ... They captured the International Wrestling Council tag team title ... Expected to be released from the WWF ... The frog splash is his most formidable weapon ... The man who once wore the Intercontinental and European belts simultaneously has suffered an incredible fall from grace.

146 GEDO (5'7", 215, 8, 171) Japanese junior heavyweight has languished in FMW, where he is little more than Kodo Fuyuki's lackey ... Has wrestled for the WAR group, ECW, WCW, and many other promotions, but appears most regularly in FMW with long-time partner Jado ... Made a name for himself in the 1994 and 1995 J-Cup tournaments with standout performances against Chris Benoit ... Being courted by Atsushi Onita for his new independent promotion, but has begun a regular tour schedule with New Japan in the junior tag team division.

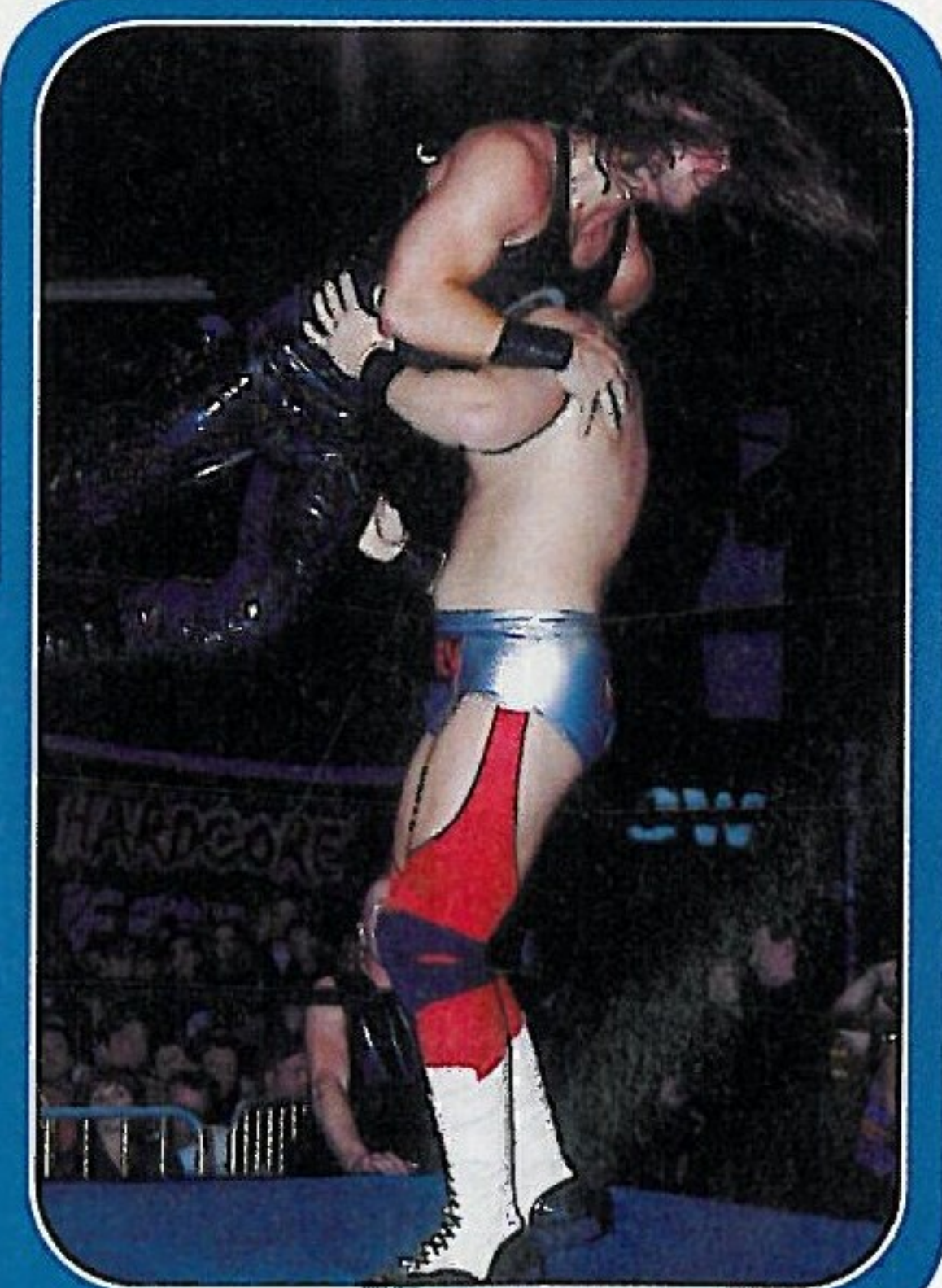
147 NOVA (5'11", 215, 7, 162) Moved west to California after ECW's demise while maintaining a busy schedule nationally ... Formed Evolution with Frankie Kazarian ... Evolution defeated The Ballard Brothers for the Ultimate Pro Wrestling tag team title in a tournament final ... He and Kazarian wrestled in a WWF dark match against Christopher Daniels and Mikey Henderson ... Also wrestled old ECW partner Chris Chetti in dark matches ... Parodied Hollywood Hogan in The Blue World Order a few years ago.

148 CHRIS KANYON (6'4", 245, 5, NL) Spent most of 2000 masquerading as Dallas Page ... His Kanyon cutter was just as effective as the Diamond cutter ... Kanyon-cut Judy Bagwell ... At least that was better than Vince Russo's creation, "Champagne" Chris Kanyon ... Not conspicuous by his absence in the

Turner-owned WCW's final months ... Mended his friendship with Page when they both joined the WCW-ECW Coalition in the WWF ... Annoyed teammates, including Steve Austin, by constantly asking, "Who better than Kanyon?" ... This year, more than 100 guys.

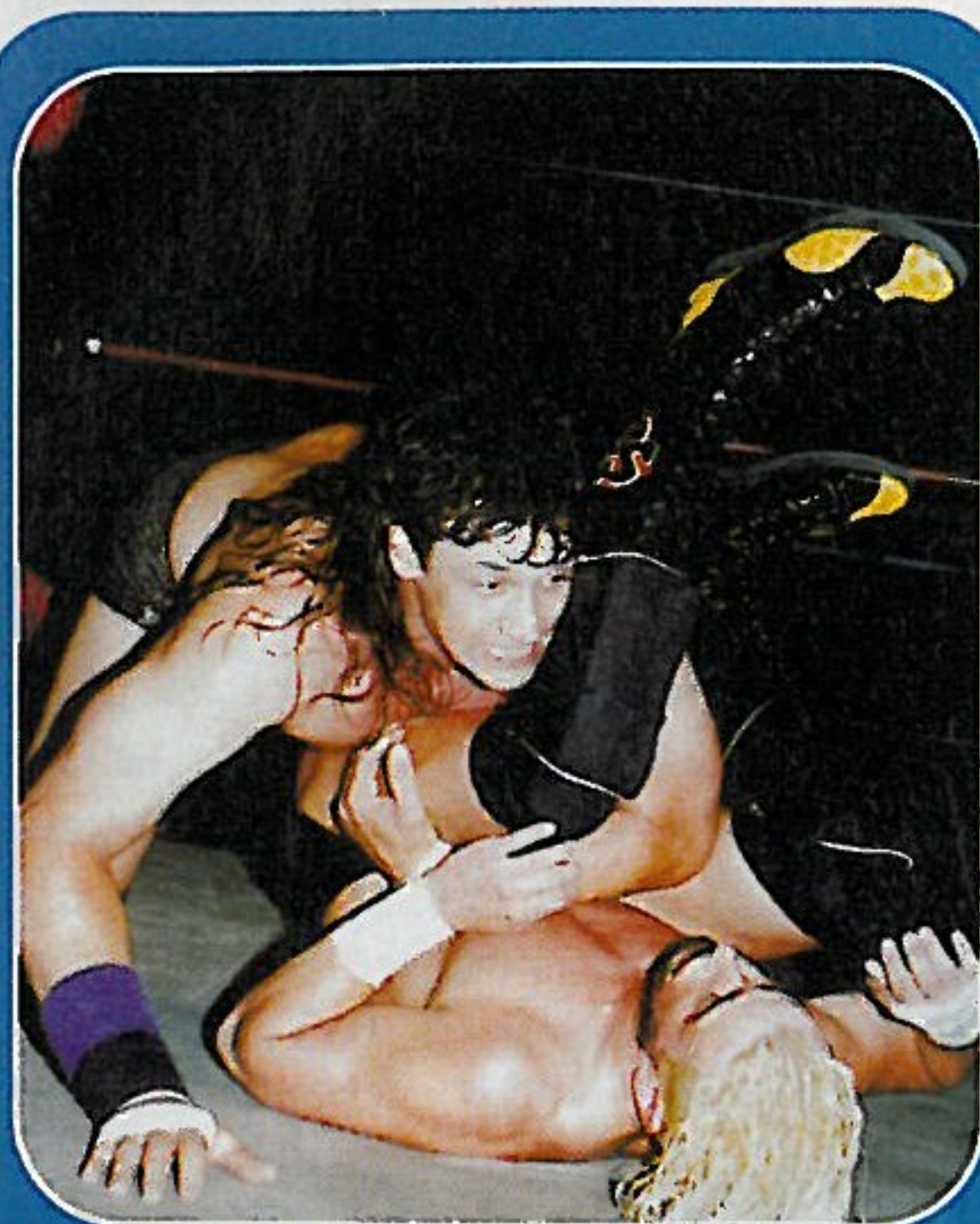
149 TAKEHIRO MURAHAMA (5'9", 207, 3, NL) Former Osaka Pro champion is renowned for his long and storied kickboxing career ... Former rival of Super Delfin who now teams with him on occasion alongside Tsubasa ... Turned some heads in exciting six-man tag matches with some of New Japan's top junior heavyweights ... Lost to Minoru Tanaka in his one shot at the IWGP junior title, but made a respectable showing for himself in the process ... Primary offensive weapons are his striking blows; his kicks and jabs are unbelievably quick ... Tries to wear down opponents on the mat, where he can apply any one of his many submission holds (he favors the *jujigatamae*).

150 BUFF BAGWELL (6'1", 240, 11, 85) Reunited in the ring with his mother, former WCW World tag team champion Judy Bagwell, to battle Kanyon ... Judy was Kanyon-cut before the feud was through ... One of the first to reach an AOL Time Warner settlement to wrestle in the WWF ... Faced World cham-



pion Booker T in the first WCW match in the history of Raw ... Critics bemoaned his effort in such an important bout ... Revealed his traitorous streak by helping WWF champ Steve Austin and Kurt Angle attack Booker in the ring and backstage ... Austin and Angle showed Bagwell the door, too ... The master of the blockbuster failed to become a blockbuster in the WWF ... Attitude problem made him expendable within a few weeks.

151 JADO (5'6", 198, 8, 167) Tag team specialist has found success with regular partner Gedo ... Wrestles for a number of independent companies, but can be found on almost every FMW card ... Had a brief stint in ECW ... Atsushi Onita has been pursuing this junior heavyweight for his new independent organization, but so has New Japan Pro Wrestling as it looks for teams to fill out the junior tag division ... Has already racked up some impressive wins over New Japan tag teams ... Employs a number of excellent bridge suplexes.



152 MIKE RAPADA (6'3", 235, 8, 212) The former Colorado Kid was a dominant NWA champion during the past year ... Defeated Jerry Flynn in a tournament final after Naoya Ogawa relinquished the championship ... Held the title from September until November 2000 ... Lost the belt to Sabu in Tampa ... Regained the strap in friendly territory, Nashville ... Steve Corino won the NWA title from Rapada in April ... Wrestled in Japan's Zero-One in July ... The Rocky Mountain flattop is his finisher ... Considered the greatest NWA North American champion in history.

153 SHELTON BENJAMIN (6'2", 245, 1, NL) This Ohio Valley Wrestling rookie is getting rave reviews from WWF officials ... Two-time wrestling All-American at the University of Minnesota ... Teams with fellow All-American Brock Lesnar as the Minnesota Stretching Crew ... Together they won the OVW Southern tag team title by beating The Disciples of Synn in February ... One of OVW's most formidable technical wrestlers ... As of press time, was on the sidelines with an arm injury.

154 ULTIMO GUERRERO (6', 200, 8, 81) Quick, inventive *rudo* is the regular partner of Rey Bucanero ... The two have held the CMLL tag team title together ... Helped El Satanico in his efforts to win the name Los Infernales for a while, then turned against him ... Added Tarzan Boy to his team, which has only served to make Lucha Libre fans hate him all the more ... Young star is just beginning to come into his own.

155 VILLANO V (5'8", 217, 17, NL) EMLL star has come back from a number of career-threatening injuries in the last few years ... Spent most of his career as a *rudo*, both in Mexico and in the United States during his WCW tenure ... Now wrestles on the side of the *technicos*, like his two brothers, Villanos III and IV ... Son of the legendary Ray Mendoza ... Destroys his foes with hard body blows and rapid-fire chops ... Crafty veteran still executes daring toques.

156 MAHONEY (6'2", 360, 9, 99) Went nowhere in ECW toward the end of its run ... Popular in Japan's FMW ... Helped New Jack in his feud with Da Baldies ... Holds the Xtreme Intense Championship Wrestling title in Michigan ... Aptly described as a "chair-swinging freak," even by his friends ... Began touring the Northeast independent circuit after ECW's demise ... Got in trouble in Maryland when he bled during a match with Rob Van Dam, a no-no in that state ... Now insists that match, which got him suspended in Maryland, has led to him being blackballed by many promoters.



157 SHARK BOY (5'10", 175, 4, 163) Became the smallest Heartland Wrestling Association champ of all-time when he captured the title in February ... Forced to vacate the cruiserweight championship, which he has held three times ... Feuded with Race Steele, Rory Fox, and the rest of The G.Q. Corporation ... His finishing maneuver is the DSD, the Dead Sea drop ... Beat Mike Sanders at an HWA show with the help of Dallas Page ... Mick Foley, who often wears "Shark Boy" T-shirts, is one of his biggest fans ... Returned to action following an injured collarbone this year.

158 GRAN HAMADA (5'4", 195, 30, 128) Feisty veteran doesn't look like a man who's been competing for three full decades ... Agile Luchadore flies with the grace and poise of a wrestler half his age ... A bona fide legend in Japan, and one of Michinoku Pro's most popular stars ... Teams with his daughter, Ayako, from time to time ... Has held countless junior and welterweight championships ... The windup headbutt is still his trademark move ... New finisher of choice is a top-roped Ace crusher, but he still uses his jumping swinging DDT on occasion.

159 MICHAEL MODEST (5'10", 235, 6, 116) His big break—a match against Christopher Daniels on *WCW Monday Nitro*—almost resulted in broken bones when Scott Steiner burst into the ring and thrashed both of them ... "The Natural One" competes primarily in California, but is probably among the top five most famous indy wrestlers in America ... Has trained All Pro Wrestling stars Donovan Morgan, Vincenzo Massaro, Boyce LeGrande, and Tony Jones ...

A four-time All Pro Universal champ ... His finishing maneuver is the Death Valley driver.

160 DRAGON KID (5'6", 155, 3, NL) Protege of Ultimo Dragon hones his high-flying skills with Lucha Libre group Toryumon ... Aerial innovator has been called the Rey Misterio Jr. of the new millennium by Lucha fans ... Long feud with Judo Suwa resulted in a number of wild, intense matches ... Sails out of the ring at every opportunity with unusual suicide dives ... Has a tremendous fan following in Japan, where Toryumon can be seen on television and tours many times a year ... Invented the breathtaking Dragonrana, a 450 splash he turns into a huracanrana.



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Christopher Daniels
vs. Mike Modest
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161 THE BLUE BOY (6'1", 250, 7, 192) Laid low during the early months of this year, waiting to see if ECW would survive or fold ... Almost always accompanied by his girlfriend, Jasmin St. Claire ... Loves to interact with the fans at autograph signings ... Competes mainly in the Northeast, but has branched out in recent months, wrestling all over North America and England ... A former WWF and ECW star.

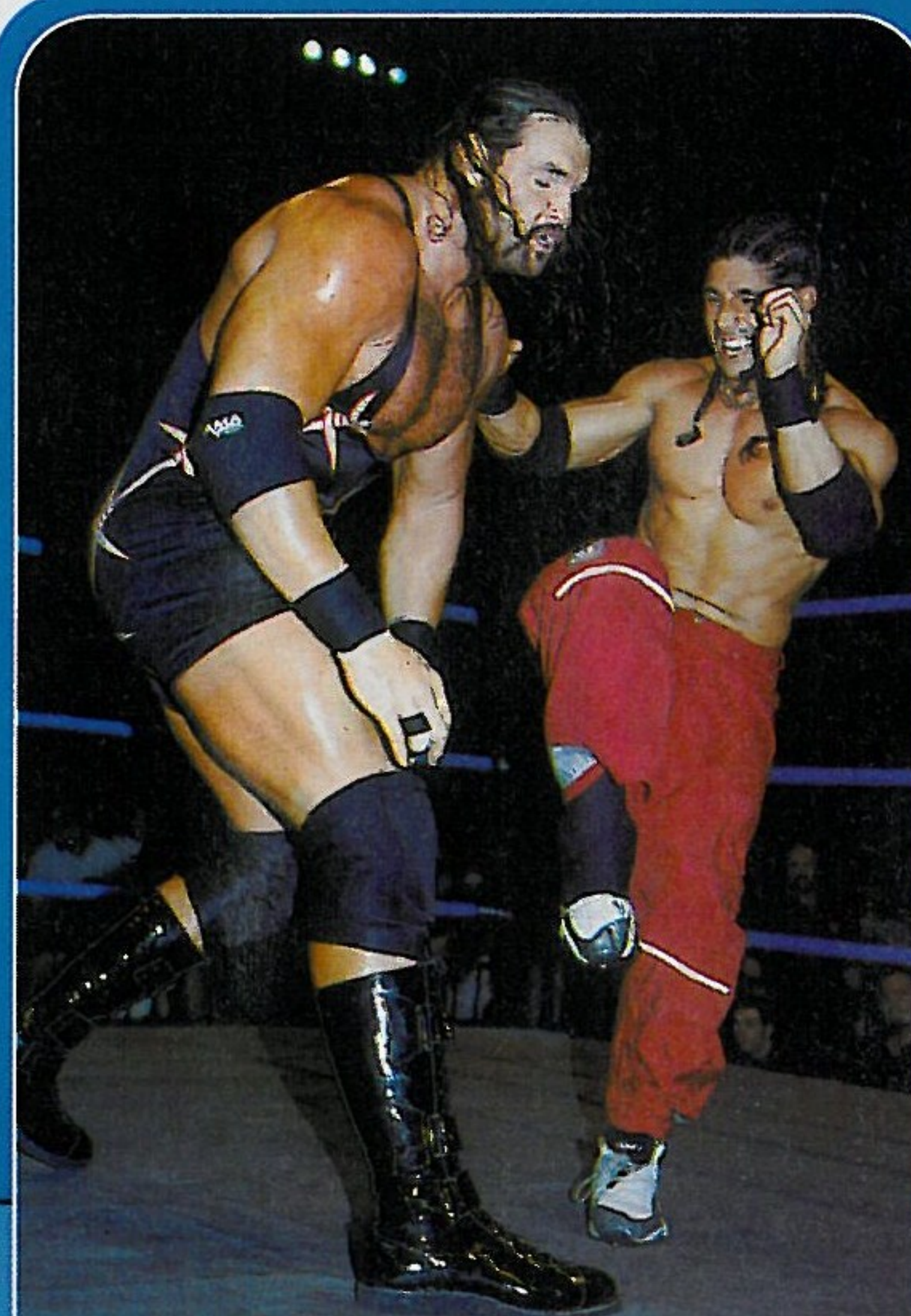
162 KENDO KA SHIN (5'9", 195, 9, 115) Unpredictable New Japan star hasn't been able to rebuild credibility after being demolished in a mixed martial arts competition last year ... Masked junior heavyweight is a former IWGP junior tag team champion with Dr. Wagner Jr. ... Won the 1999 "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament, but hasn't enjoyed a great deal of success in singles competition since ... Has been feuding with the likes of Koji Kanemoto and Tatsuhiro Takaiwa ... Uses many variations of the *juji-gatamae* arm submission, which he can apply from practically any position.

163 EL FELINO (5'7", 190, 19, 124) Has spent time as a *rudo*, but now is aligned with the *technicos* of EMLL ... Unmistakable catsuit makes this veteran easy to pick out ... Accomplished high-flyer has been feuding with Fuerza Guerrera and others ... Has

international experience; Japanese fans found him reminiscent of the legendary Tiger Mask ... Lightning-quick Luchadore hasn't lost a step over the years ... Loves to drill opponents with his head-first tope ... Talented submission grappler is just as good on the mat as he is soaring from the turnbuckles.

164 CHAD COLLYER (5'10", 218, 3, 223) Defeated Race Steele for the Heartland Wrestling Association title in January ... Stripped of the championship after he left for a tour with All-Star Promotions in England ... Feuded with NWA middleweight champion The Great Sasuke in Michinoku Pro ... Wrestled Perry Saturn on WWF *Jakked* and *Metal* ... Trained by Dean Malenko ... A two-time NCAA national finalist in collegiate wrestling and recognized as the 1995 NCAA West Regional champion ... The dragon suplex is his finishing maneuver.

165 JERRY LAWLER (6', 234, 31, 170) Walked out of the WWF after his now-estranged wife, Stacy "The Kat" Carter, was fired ... The WWF didn't immediately call back, although negotiations took place throughout the summer to reinstate Lawler to the announcers' desk ... Increased his active wrestling schedule by accepting bookings throughout the Northeast and Tennessee ... Sometimes appears on the same shows as Stacy and his son, Brian "Grandmaster Sexay" Christopher ... Wailing punching style seems outdated ... A former



AWA World champion ... Held the USWA title more times than Stan Stasiak held the Pacific Northwest title, which would put it somewhere in the 30s.

166 REY BUCANERO (5'11", 197, 7, 114) Hated *rudo* is the regular partner of Ultimo Guerrero ... Got caught up in both sides of Satanico's battle to reclaim the name Los Infernales, and was even inducted into the updated version of the legendary stable ... Helped persuade Tarzan Boy to renounce his *technico* ways and join forces with him ... Has struggled to get his career back on track since losing his mask ... Capable high-flyer has a great tope con hilo and a lightning-fast huracanrana in his bag of tricks.

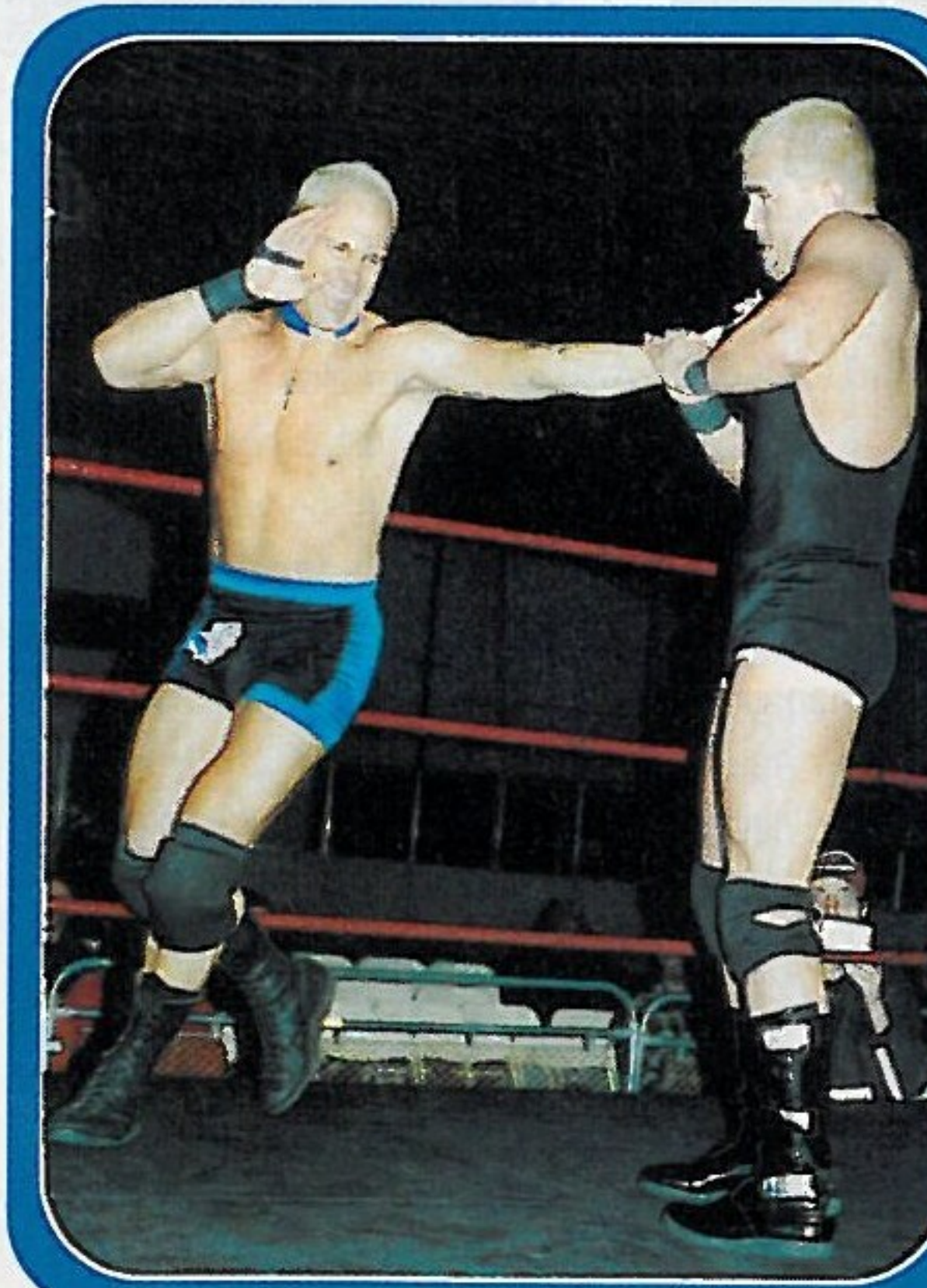
167 MARK HENRY (6'3", 330, 4, 205) The former "Sexual Chocolate" is competing in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Lured into Kenny Bolin's group by the promise of big cash ... Sports longer hair and different ring attire in OVW ... More importantly, has shed a lot of weight ... Represented the U.S. as a super heavyweight weightlifter in the Olympic Games ... Ex-member of The Nation of Domination.

168 EVAN KARAGIAS (5'11", 169, 3, 123) Former leader of Three Count ... Established a team with Jamie Knoble in WCW ... They feuded with Karagias' ex-dancing lackeys, Shane Helms and Shannon Moore ... Not yet a presence in the WWF or the WCW-ECW Alliance ... Reunited with Moore to face The Jung Dragons in a dark match prior to WWF *Smackdown* in July ... His abs are fab.

169 GRAN NANIWA (5'7", 194, 7, 173) Former Michinoku Pro star is trying his luck in All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Known for his wild, colorful outfits and distinctive crab mask ... Hasn't found much success as a singles wrestler in AJPW ... Unorthodox junior heavyweight made his second appearance in the "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament this summer, hosted by New Japan, but he didn't make it to the finals ... Still tours with New Japan from time to time ... Long-time partner of Super Delfin hasn't had much direction since the two parted ways ... Favorite move is the spinning doctor bomb.

170 LOW-KI (5'8", 170, 3, 315) Defeated American Dragon in a tournament final to win the ECWA Super 8 ... Teamed with Dragon to capture the East Coast Wrestling Association tag title ... A vengeful Dragon turned against Low-Ki during the match in which they won the belts, but they made up in July after Dragon beat Low-Ki in a great match ... Feuded with the Haas brothers and Juan Xavier ... His combination of high-flying and martial arts made him a sensational opponent for Essa Rios in the WWF ... Spent time training in Memphis ... Also wrestles in Jersey All Pro Wrestling, Jersey Championship Wrestling, the Long Island Wrestling Federation, and several other East Coast independents.

171 TARZAN BOY (5'8", 195, 7, 230) EMLL fans hated this *technico* so passionately that he had no choice but to join the side of the *rudos* this year ... Wavered back and forth for many long months, which only served to further draw the ire of Lucha fans ... Spent a few weeks on the sidelines after suffering a few injuries ... Teams regularly with Ultimo Guerrero and Rey Bucanero in a trio that has been fighting with El Satanico for the right to be called Los Infernales ... Capable high-flyer with a nice arsenal of power moves.



172 JULIO DINERO (6'2", 235, 8, 142) Formerly Fantastico, he changed his last name while teaming with E.Z. Money in ECW ... A veteran independent who has wrestled for WCW, ECW, and the WWF ... Blends high-flying with martial arts ... His spinning kicks are something to watch out for ... They usually set up his finisher, the superkick ... Wrestles mainly on the East Coast now, but will often travel across the country for matches when needed.

173 NEW JACK (6', 225, 9, 113) Left ECW a few months before its demise ... Even contemplated retirement ... Sabu chose New Jack as a substitute to defend the Xtreme Pro Wrestling title against Messiah ... Rob Black's Army had "The Original Gangsta" outnumbered ... Now favors the staple gun over the Singapore cane in his trash can of weapons ... His trash-talking is also causing trouble in NWA Wildside ... Wrestles for independents throughout the United States.

174 SIMON DIAMOND (6'1", 225, 10, 166) Became an effective force with Johnny Swinger and C.W. Anderson ... Finally dumped The Musketeer ... Impressive in matches against Tommy Dreamer ... Appeared to be part of the future of ECW before the company went bankrupt ... Even rumored to be negotiating with WCW ... This guy can't get a break ... Joined by his girlfriend, Dawn Marie ... Finally, a break ... Challenging East Coast Wrestling Association champion Scoot Andrews ... Has feuded with Steve Bradley, Ty Street, Inferno, and Cheetah Master since returning to the promotion ... Wrestled Jayson Reign at a Midwest Championship Wrestling show in Chicago.

175 THE MAESTRO (6'1", 230, 11, 293) The former WCW mid-carder has returned to his roots, the Southern independent circuit ... His career is actually hotter than ever because his national exposure has boosted his solid indy reputation even more ... Occasionally participates in a tag team called The Shooters ... Formerly known as Gorgeous George III and Robbie Eagle.

176 DONOVAN MORGAN (5'10", 225, 5, 317) Lost the All Pro Wrestling Universal title to Vic Capri ... Avenged that loss by defeating Capri for the Midwest Championship Wrestling lightweight belt ... Capri regained the strap in a best-of-three-falls ladder match in Chicago ... The Michinoku driver is his finisher ... Often teams with Michael Modest ... Received the Future Legend Award from Cauliflower Alley Club in February ... Kurt Angle received the honor in 2000 ... Adopted "Future Legend" as his nickname ... Trained "Big" Peter Snott, Sean Patrick O'Doule, and Tommy Blaze.

177 MR. NIEBLA (5'9", 175, 9, 193) Popular EMLL *technico* had a solid year ... Led Olimpico and Safari to the Mexican National trios title in the spring ... Has been feuding nonstop with former partner Shocker ... Able high-flyer uses the ropes like virtually no one else ... Has a superb moonsault in his reper-

toire ... A colorful grappler who has been well-received in Japan ... Prefers to use moves like the standing figure-four to force his opponents to submit, but is best known for a maneuver of his own invention called the Nieblina.

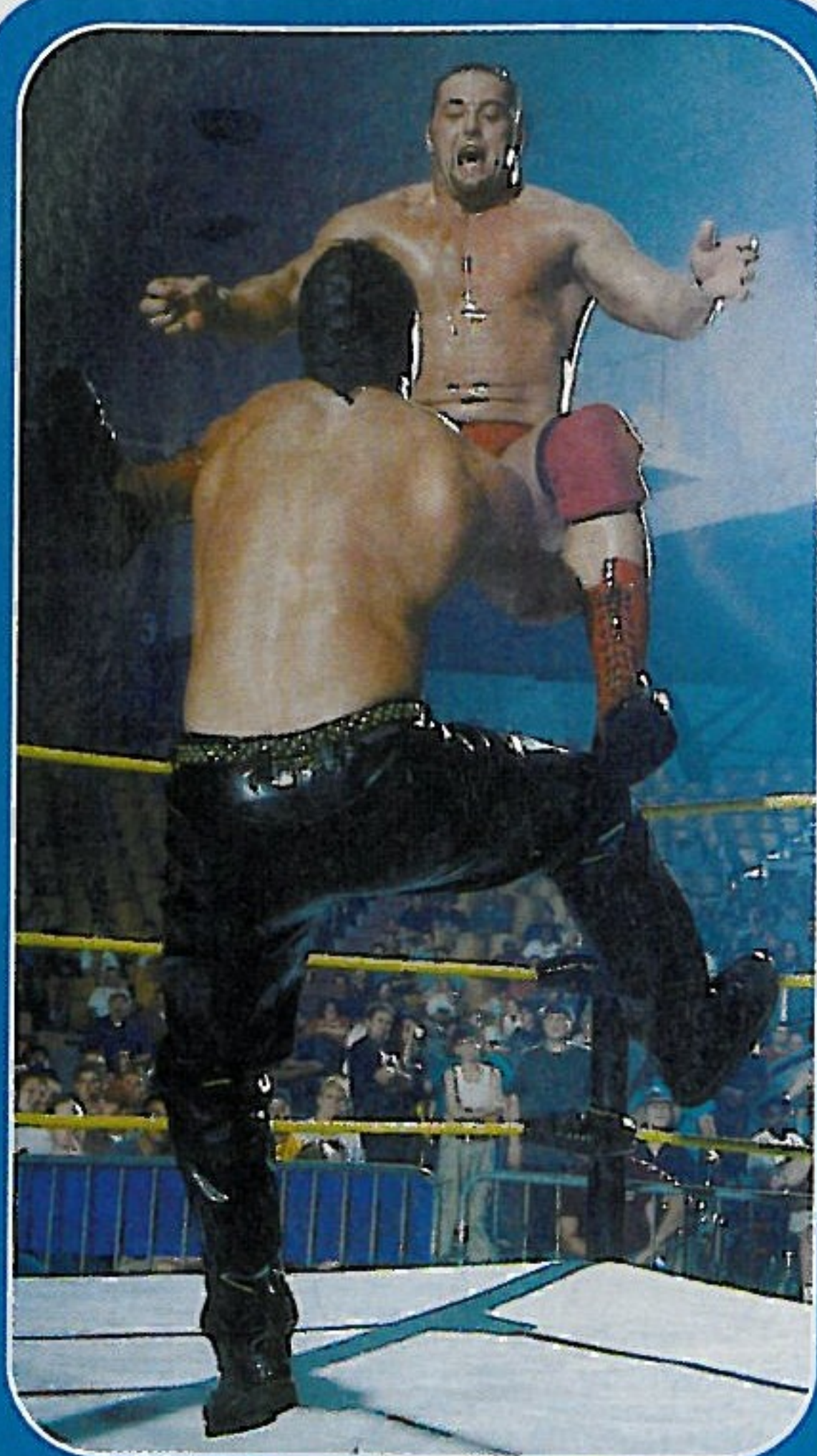


178 JOEY ABS (6'3", 276, 8, 176) Caused trouble for Memphis fan favorites several months ago, with the help of fellow Mean Street Posse members Pete Gas and Rodney (Rodrageous) ... Took a solo path and beat Steve Bradley for the MCW Southern title in a no-disqualification ladder match on July 21 ... Vowed he wouldn't be a "transitional champion" ... Lost the strap in a rematch with Bradley a few minutes later ... Formerly known as Venom in North Carolina independents ... Trained with The Hardy Boyz.

179 LASH LeROUX (5'10", 225, 3, 111) Spent most of 2000 as Cpl. Cajun in the Misfits In Action ... His finishing maneuver is the whiplash, a version of the Berkdriver ... Dominated by WCW cruiserweight champ Chavo Guerrero Jr. (formerly Lt. Loco) ... The only member to stay loyal to Gen. Rection (Hugh Morrus) ... Sidelined by Rick Steiner in early-2001.

180 GILLBERG (6', 227, 11, 180) Competes primarily in Maryland Championship Wrestling, where he's feuding with Billy Redwood ... Emerged triumphant in his feud with "Ramblin'" Rich Myers and Earl the Pearl ... Could be described as Bill Goldberg lite ... Uses Goldberg's spear and jackhammer, which are more effective on the indy circuit than they were for him in the WWF ... Didn't participate in WrestleMania X-Seven's gimmick battle royal because the WWF didn't want to encourage "Gold-berg" chants ... A former WWF light heavyweight champion ... Coaches Little League baseball in his hometown of Glen Burnie, Maryland.

181 AKIRA NOGAMI (5'9", 226, 17, NL) Decided to stick with Masa Chono and Team 2000 this year ... Competed in the "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament this summer ... Failed to make much of an impact in the tournament, though, and only accumulated a few wins ... A former IWGP junior heavyweight champion ... Used to paint his face like a Kabuki performer, but now wears a short black mask ... Throws a great dropkick.

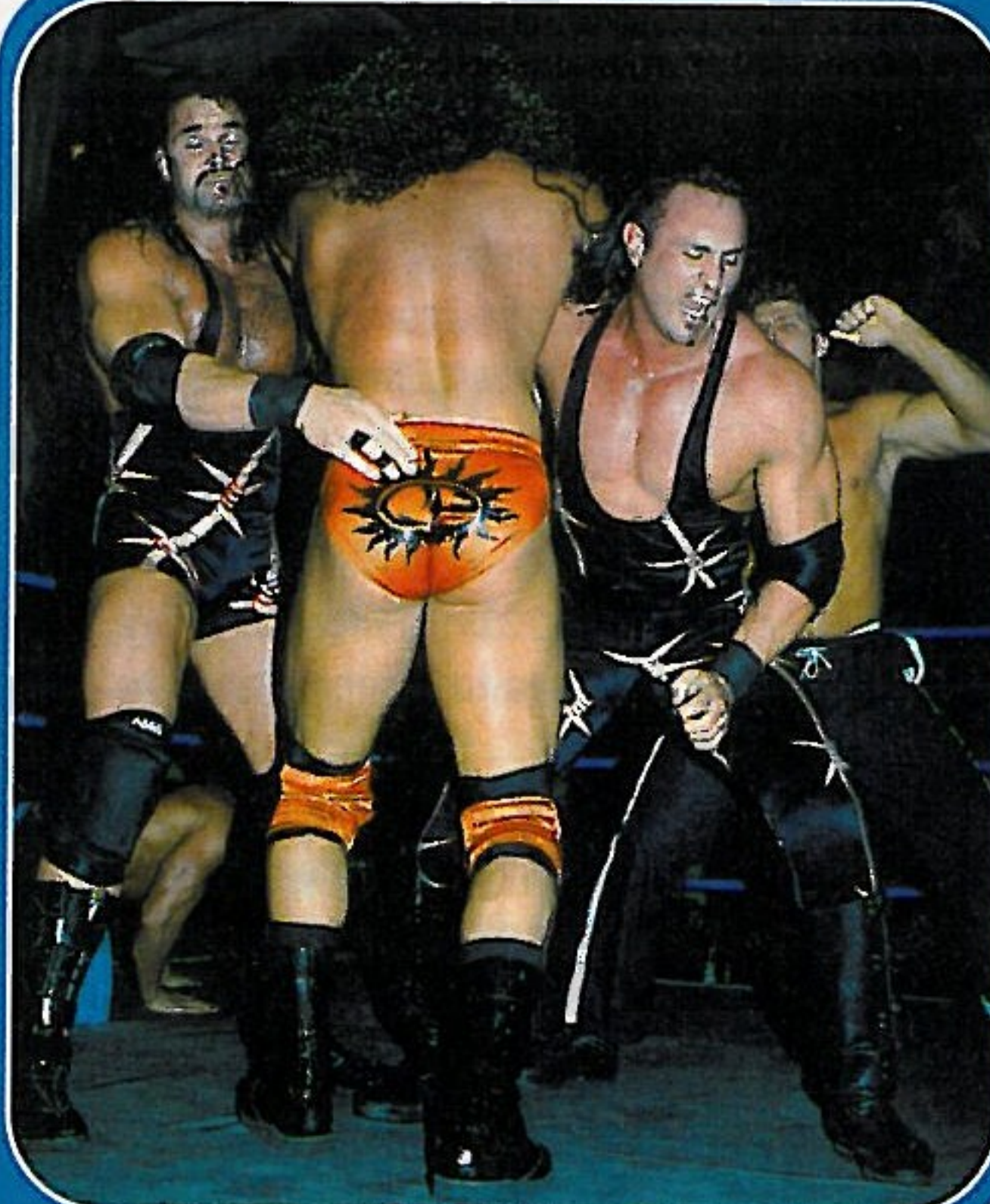


182 NICK DINSMORE (6', 226, 5, 218) "Mr. Wrestling" is Ohio Valley Wrestling's technical wizard ... At first glance, looks like a smaller version of Buff Bagwell ... Wrestled Chris Benoit at OVW Christmas Chaos in January ... Has used Benoit's crippling crossface to win matches ... Lost the OVW heavyweight title to Rico Constantino in February ... Won a mask vs. retirement match against the masked Machine (Doug Basham) in June ... Continues to attend college classes at Indiana University Southeast despite having inked a WWF developmental contract.

183 DAVID FLAIR (6'3", 225, 3, 224) Never succeeded in finding out the father of Stacy Keibler's baby ... Then again, the baby thing was just one of Vince Russo's silly storylines ... Earned the grudging respect of his arch-rival, Romeo Bliss, who asked Flair to be his partner ... They defeated The Kohl Brothers for the NWA Wildside tag team title ... Left Bliss to unsuccessfully defend the title by himself—and fall prey to a re-

tirement stipulation—when the WWE purchase forced him to leave the WCW developmental territory ... Briefly held the NWA tag team title with Dan Factor ... Added the moonsault to his repertoire.

184 FLASH (6'2", 232, 9, 186) The Indianapolis, Indiana, native is the current Ohio Valley Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Concurrently held both the OVW heavyweight and hardcore championships until losing the hardcore title to Randy Orton in May ... Feuded with former tag team partner B.J. Payne while co-holding the OVW Southern tag team title together ... First made a name for himself in Music City Wrestling ... Has also competed up and down the Eastern Seaboard ... Good all-around competitor who can employ a variety of in-ring styles ... Pulled off an upset of WWF superstar Chris Jericho in June.



185 BRIAN ADAMS (6'6", 322, 15, 178) He and Bryan Clark lost their second WCW World tag team title to The Great Muta and Vampiro in August 2000 ... After that, Kronik was chronically absent from tag title matches ... Executes a 360-degree backbreaker better than anyone ... He and Clark used the high times, a double choke-slam, as their finishing move ... Formerly known as Crush in the WWF ... Best known for his WrestleMania X falls-count-anywhere match against Randy Savage at Madison Square Garden.

186 FUERZA GUERRERA (5'6", 189, 23, 151) Still wears his famed mosquito-style mask and still fights on the side of the *rudos* ... Had a chance to team with his son once again when Juventud Guerrera returned to action in Mexico, but Juv's stay with EMLL was a short one ... Stocky but powerful Luchadore pun-

ishes opponents with hard chops and punches ... Fuerza has been feuding off and on with *tecnicos* like El Felino in EMLL ... Favorite move seems to be the illegal kick to the groin, which he executes practically every time an official's back is turned.

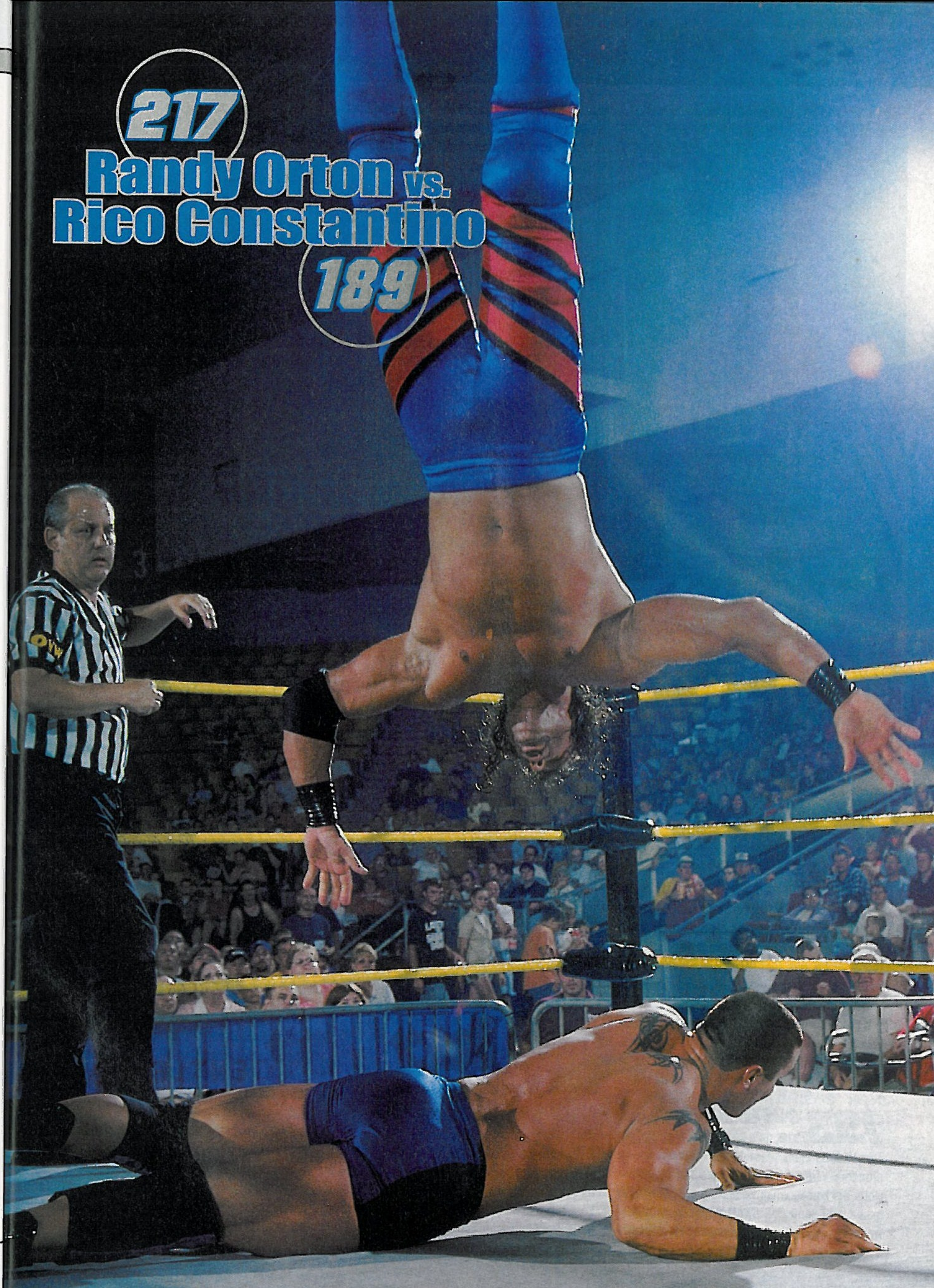
187 TATSUMI FUJINAMI (6', 230, 30, NL) Five-time IWGP heavyweight and four-time International tag team champion still wrestles in New Japan rings, but not as frequently as in years past ... Nickname has always been "The Dragon" ... His veteran status has also landed him a job working in the NJPW corporate offices ... Talented mat wrestler has appeared all over the world ... Inventor of moves like the dragon screw and dragon suplex ... Likes to force opponents to tap to his dragon sleeper.

188 BRYAN CLARK (6'6", 292, 10, 245) Returned to action after spending most of 1999-2000 coping with injuries ... He and Brian Adams, collectively known as Kronik, lost the WCW World tag team title to The Great Muta and Vampiro last August ... Clark's pumphandle slam was very innovative when he introduced it to WCW ... Has also wrestled as Wrath and Adam Bomb ... Competed in Smoky Mountain Wrestling and the WWF in the mid-1990s ... Trained by Ox Baker.

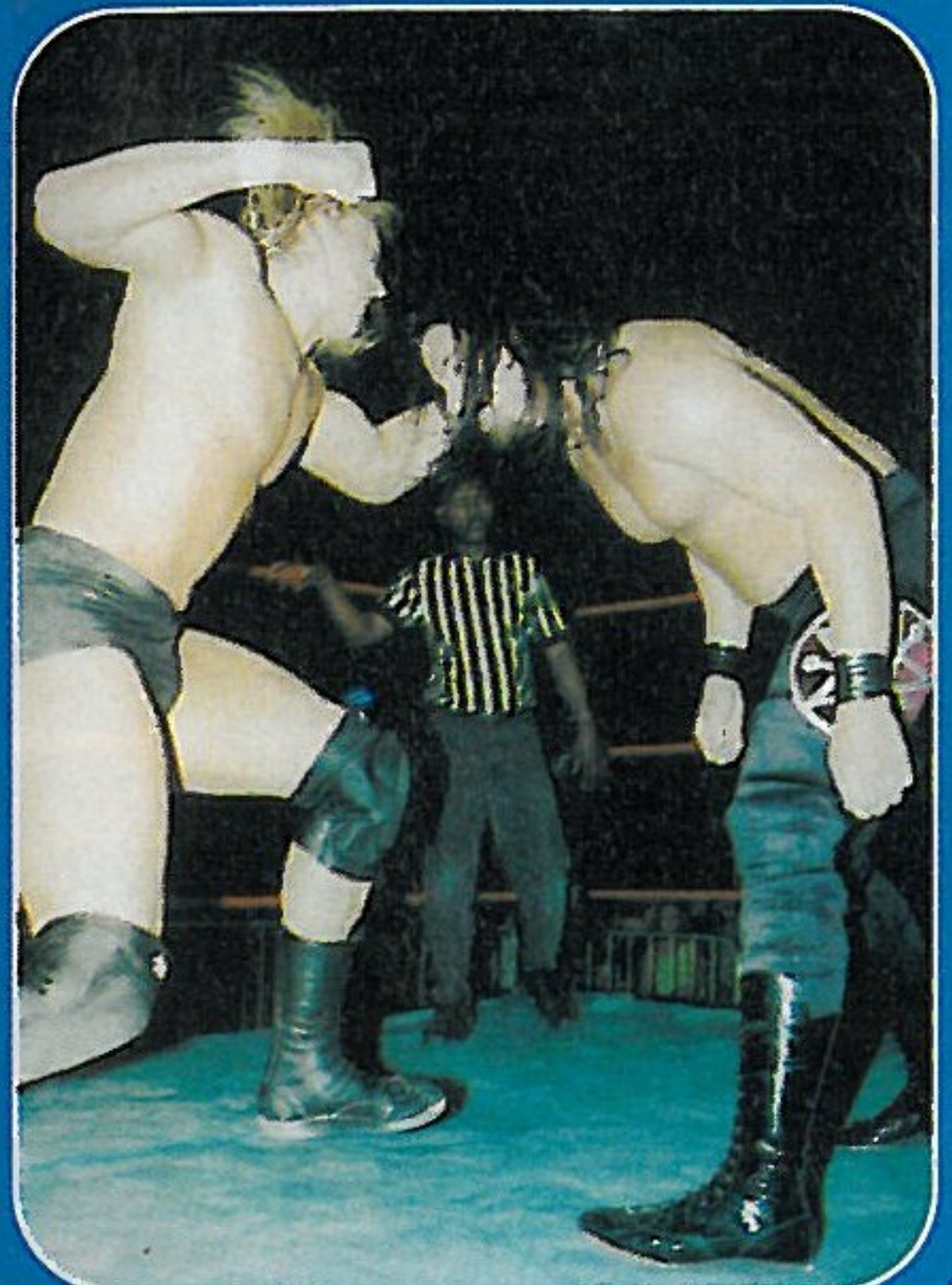
189 RICO CONSTANTINO (6', 239, 2, 248) This Ohio Valley Wrestling competitor is a former *American Gladiators* champion ... Turned pro in 1999 ... Was a Las Vegas paramedic and police officer before taking up wrestling ... A long injury-induced layoff didn't hurt his in-ring timing one bit ... At OVW Christmas Chaos, received a "Stone-Cold" stunner from Steve Austin ... Proud member of a rulebreaking stable named Bolin Services ... Captured the OVW heavyweight title from Nick Dinsmore in February, making him a three-time OVW heavyweight champ ... The WWF seems to have big plans for this young man.

190 MIKEY WHIPWRECK (5'7", 197, 7, 195) The Sinister Minister breathed fire into his career ... Formed an impressive team with Yoshihiro Tajiri ... They won the ECW World tag title in a three-way tournament final over the teams of Tommy Dreamer and Jerry Lynn and Simon Diamond and Swinger ... Whipwreck and Tajiri lost the belts to Tony Mamaluke and Guido Maritato the following night ... Hit the independent circuit after ECW went out of business ... The current BCW Can-Am champion ... Joey Matthews eliminated Whipwreck to win the Shane Shamrock Cup on July 18 ... Planned to retire on September 1.

217 Randy Orton vs. Rico Constantino



191 LANCE CADE (6'5", 261, 2, NL) Possesses the kind of build that could give him a chance at being a WWF star ... Failed to defeat MCW Southern champion Steve Bradley during the past year ... Lost his MCW TV title to Shawn Stasiak ... His Memphis rivals included Spanky, The American Dragon, and Shooter Schultz ... One of the few to survive the WWF developmental purge of June 20 ... Expected to become a major force in another WWF territory, such as Ohio Valley Wrestling or the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Uses a legdrop from the top rope as his finisher ... A former Texas Wrestling Alliance TV champion ... Graduated from the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy ... His ring name, Cade, is the middle name of Michaels' son.

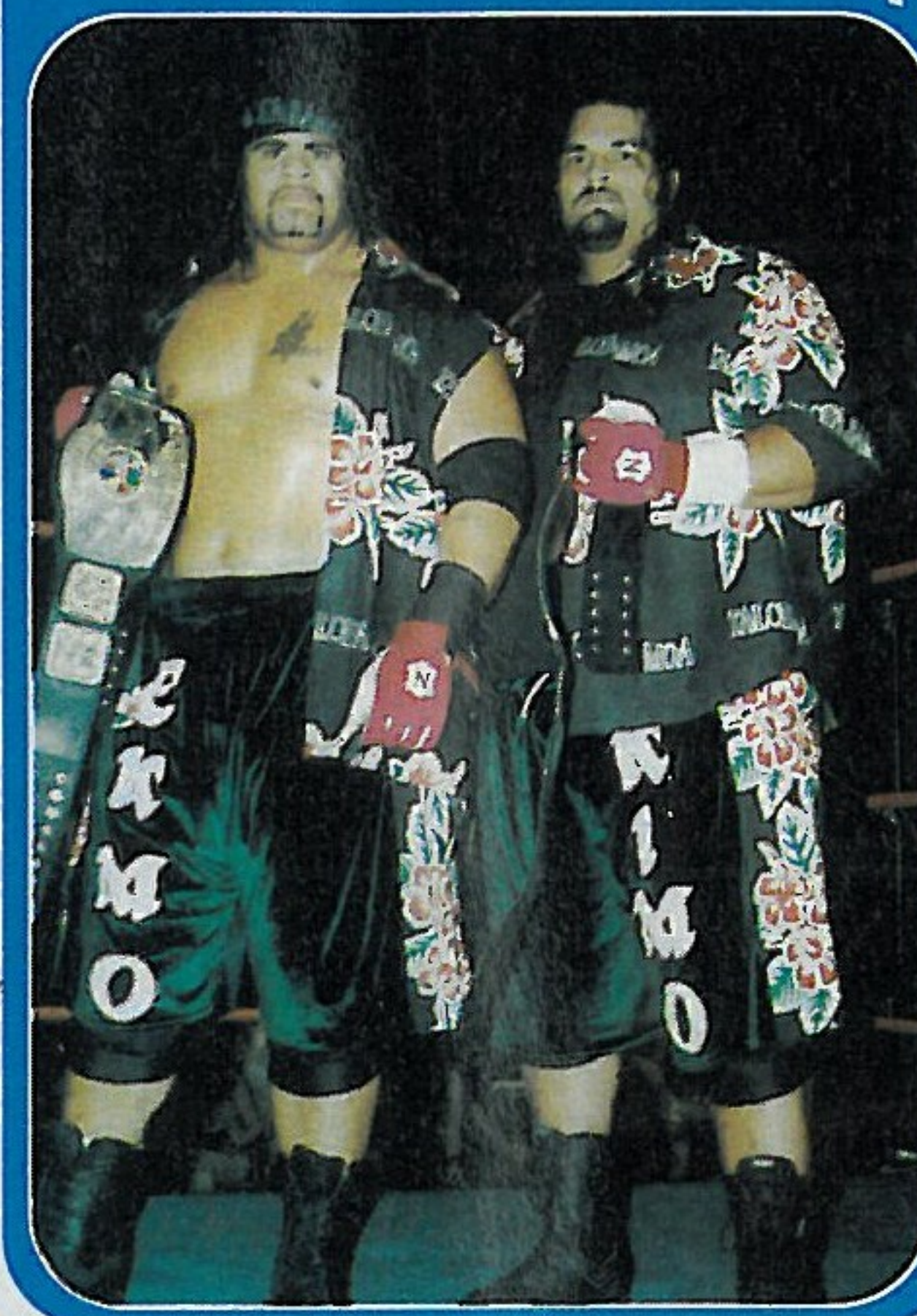


192 EL DANDY (5'6", 195, 20, 209) This former WCW undercard wrestler is a hated *rudo* in his native Mexico ... Reprises his Los Fabulosos tag team with Silver King from time to time ... Not as active as he was just last year, when he was splitting his time between Mexico and the United States ... Possesses a tremendous tope that he executes through the top and middle ropes ... Accomplished singles wrestler held an array of middleweight titles through the '80s and '90s ... Calls his Magistral cradle finisher a Dandy roll.

193 DUSTY RHODES (6'1", 310, 32, 210) Still the "Bull Of The Woods"—at least in Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling, where he's the owner ... Dons the trunks when necessary ... Sometimes teams with Scott Hall ... "The American Dream" wrestled his modern-day nemesis, NWA cham-

pion Steve Corino, in a series of non-title bouts ... Convinced his son Dustin to join him in TCW ... Held the NWA World belt in 1979, '81, and '86.

194 EKMO (6'1", 250, 1, NL) Competed in Memphis Championship Wrestling for most of the past year ... He and partner Kimo comprise The Island Boys ... They upset The Acolytes for the MCW Southern tag team title ... Ekmo and Kimo feuded with Charlie and Russ Haas, also over the Southern tag belts ... A member of the famed Anoa'i wrestling family ... Brother of Rikishi.



195 AIR PARIS (6'1", 195, 8, 309) Reigned as NWA Georgia junior heavyweight champ ... The moonsault and huracanrana are his finishers ... Cassidy O'Reilly and Rob Williams were among his partners when he challenged NWA tag team champions Rick Michaels and David Young ... Formed Suicidal Tendencies with Adam Jacobs and John Phoenix in NWA Wildside ... Wrestled NWA champ Sabu in late-2000 ... Teamed with former enemy A.J. Styles in WCW.

196 TONY KOZINA (5'6", 174, 4, 249) The NWA reviewed the videotape and awarded the junior heavyweight title to Kozina, whose shoulders were in a pinning predicament when he attempted to get a three-count on then-champ Rockford 2000 ... Lost his second junior title to Vince Kaplack at the NWA 52nd anniversary show ... Pinned by

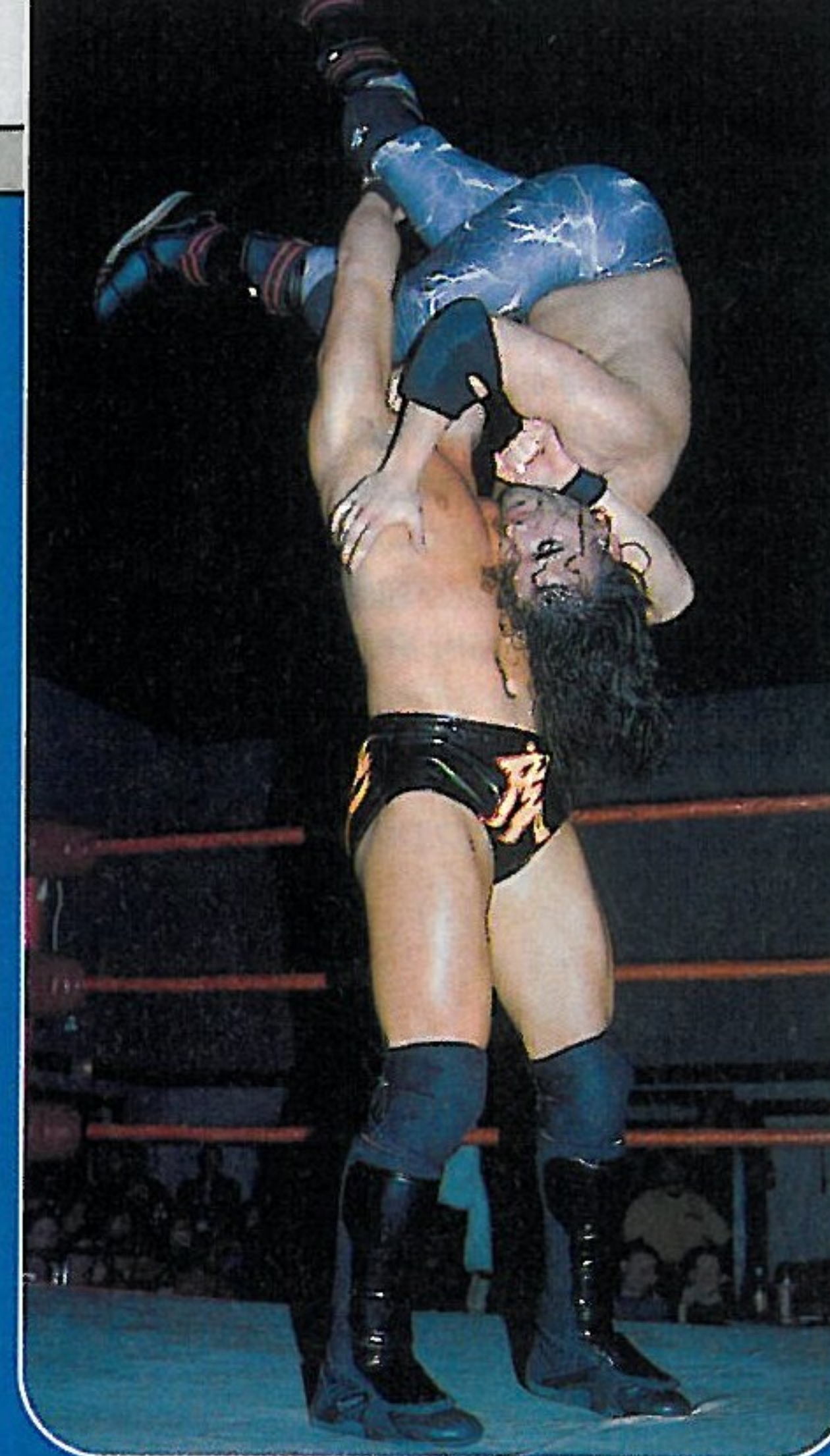
The Asian Cougar in a three-way final of the Pacific Cup tournament ... His bid for Cougar's IWA cruiserweight title ended in a 20-minute draw ... Defeated Christopher Daniels in Auburn, Washington ... Lost to Jayson Reign in the first round of the Super 8 tournament ... In the midst of his sixth reign as NWA Pacific Northwest junior champion.

197 KIMO (6', 245, 1, NL) A member of the Anoa'i family, which includes Afa, Sika, Samu, and Rikishi ... He and partner Ekmo are known as The Island Boys ... Spent much of the past year in Memphis Championship Wrestling ... They beat The Acolytes for the MCW Southern tag team title in a stunning upset ... The Island Boys also feuded with the Haas brothers over the Southern tag belts.

198 REY MISTERIO JR. (5'3", 140, 10, NL) Remained in The Filthy Animals most of the year ... Teamed with Juventud Guerrera to defeat The Great Muta and Vampiro for the WCW World tag team title in Kelowna, British Columbia ... Due to a prematch stipulation, Commissioner Ernest Miller stripped the Animals of the belts when he defeated Disco ... Won the cruiserweight tag team title with Billy Kidman on Nitro's "Night Of Champions" finale ... The WWF is ignoring that championship because Misterio is not under contract.

199 A.J. STYLES (5'10", 202, 4, 458) This former gymnast has gained experience in matches against Eddie Golden, Air Paris, Lazz, and Stone Mountain in NWA Wildside ... Challenged NWA champ Sabu late last year ... Formed a team with rival Air Paris in WCW ... The shooting Styles press is his finishing move ... Defeated K-Krush (K-Kwik) for the Wildside TV title in early-2000.

200 ADAM PEARCE (6'2", 242, 5, 204) The Midwest's hottest prospect moved to California this year ... Formed Hardcore Inc. with The Hardcore Kidd in Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Bossed around by El Jefe ... They have become the most hated trio in UPW, due in part to Pearce's outrageous promos ... Wrestled Christopher Daniels in what might have been Millennium Pro Wrestling's match of the year ... Feuding with former XFL player Josh Wilcox ... Claims to be the pioneer of the top-rope pedigree and rackbomb ... Nicknamed "Scrap Iron" ... Has held the St. Paul and Steel Domain titles.



201 JAYSON REIGN (5'8", 200, 3, 336) Defeated Vic Capri for the NWA Midwest junior heavyweight title ... Beat Tony Kozina in the first round of the Super 8 ... Wrestled Christopher Daniels, Reckless Youth, and Super 8 winner Low-Ki during the past year ... Teamed with Steve Boz to face Lowdown on WWF Jakked ... Maintains an active schedule in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... The Reign drop is his traditional finisher, but added the dragon driver to his repertoire ... Claims to be "State Of The Art" ... A former Windy City league champ.

202 BARY STEELE (6'4", 252, 5, 206) This mat grappler competes primarily in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock, where he has won the Transatlantic Wrestling Challenge television trophy three times ... Lost two teeth in a brutal grudge match against Johnny Moss ... Also feuding with Sinn ... Lost to former Olympian Yoshiaki Yatsu at Zero One's first pay-per-view, emanating from Japan's Ryogoku Sumo Palace Hall on March 2 ... Seems to have recovered from a knee injury that plagued him a year ago ... His favorite maneuvers are the Northern Lights suplex and Steele leglock ... Hopes to win the upcoming NWA United Kingdom title tournament.

203 OSAMU NISHIMURA (6'2", 225, 9, NL) New Japan star fought back from cancer and returned to active competition this year ... Protege of legendary New Japan grappler Tatsumi Fujinami ... Lost in his IWGP title match to reigning champ Kensuke Sasaki ... Still has a picture-perfect dropkick in his reper-

toire ... Toured the American independents several years back in an effort to hone his skills ... Favorite maneuver is a Northern Lights suplex, which he's used to pin opponents of all sizes.

204 EL SAMURAI (5'11", 208, 15, 138) Fan favorite in New Japan crossed over briefly to Osaka Pro, where he managed to beat top star Super Delfin ... Teams with Jushin Liger from time to time ... Captured the IWGP junior tag team title with Liger in something of an upset over regular partners Koji Kanemoto and Minoru Tanaka ... The Samurai bomb is still his calling card, but he fills his repertoire with inverted DDT variations ... Now feuding with the team of Gedo and Jado, who are doing very well in the tag team division ... Known for his unusual mask and fast-paced style.

205 MICHELLE STARR (6'3", 245, 14, 270) "The Gorgeous One" broke Roddy Piper's wrist at "Anarchy At Piper's Pit," held in Oregon ... Also broke Havoc's leg ... Involved in a bloody feud with WWA Korea champion Lee Wang Pyo ... Also feuding with Tarzan Goto in Japan's IWA ... This sadist hurt the eardrum of lady wrestler Buff after she announced her intention to "move on with her life" ... Having problems with The Backwoods Militia in Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... Wants a shot at ECCW champion Dr. Luther ... Long-time rival of Bart Sawyer.

206 THE AMERICAN DRAGON (5'8", 185, 1, NL) Graduated from the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy ... Lost to Low-Ki in the tournament final of the 2001 Super 8 ... Officially, a co-holder of the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title with Low-Ki ... Unofficially, the two men hate each other because Dragon jumped Low-Ki after their victory ... Mixes an aerial style with the martial arts ... His finishers are the roaring elbow and dragon suplex ... His most persistent rivalry, dating back to the Shawn Michaels camp, is with Spanky ... A former Memphis Championship Wrestling light heavyweight titleholder ... He and Spanky feuded with The Haas Brothers in Memphis ... Released from his WWF developmental contract, along with many others, on June 20.

207 NUEVO GRAN APOLO (6'4", 225, 2, NL) Captured the International Wrestling Association title on May 27 in Catano, Puerto Rico ... Teamed with Ricky Banderas ... Held the IWA tag team championship

... Also competed in Mexico, Japan, and the mainland United States ... His toughest opponent was Shawn Stasiak ... The power bomb and inverted figure-four leglock are his signature moves ... Reminiscent of El Gran Apolo.

208 SPANKY (5'10", 165, 1, NL) Lost to The American Dragon in the first round of the 2001 Super 8 ... Held the Texas Wrestling Alliance and Memphis Championship Wrestling light heavyweight belts, as well as the TWA and MCW tag team titles ... Utilizes a high-flying offense ... The frog splash is his finishing move ... He and The American Dragon have a love-hate relationship ... Spanky and Dragon feuded with The Haas Brothers in Memphis ... Among the group released from WWF developmental contracts on June 20.



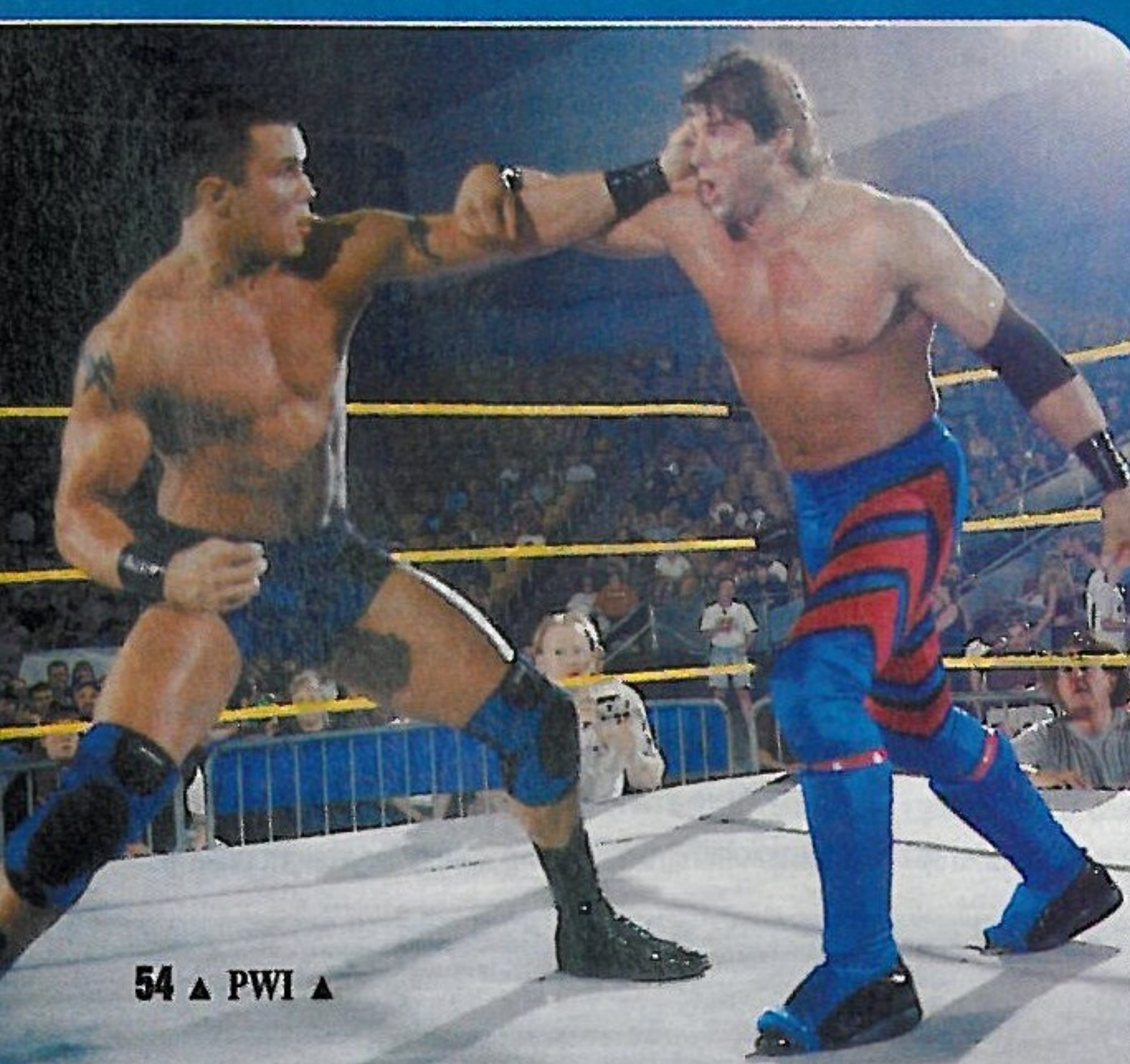
209 NAOMICHI MARUFUJI (5'10", 200, 2, NL) Young sensation has turned heads with his matches for NOAH ... Skilled mat wrestler has a number of submission holds in his arsenal, but is capable of wrestling any style ... Appeared on the second Zero-One pay-per-view, on which he lost a show-stealing match to New Japan's Tatsuhito Takaiwa ... Being hailed by the Japanese media as the next big star for NOAH.

210 JET JAGUAR (5'8", 165, 4, 261) Fired by Ron Niemi, manager of the hated 911 Inc., and then brutally attacked by Mike Sullivan and The Shane Brothers ... Now a fan favorite ... Feuding with NWA Florida junior heavyweight champion Lex Lovett ... Appeared in a 20/20 profile of the WCW Power Plant ... A four-time International Pro Wrestling light heavyweight champ.

211 JOHNNY MOSS (5'10", 240, 3, 343) Ended a bloody rivalry with Andre Baker ... Forced "The Suffolk County Gent," Sebastian P. Sterling, and his equally annoying lackey, K.C. McCulloch, out of NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Uses "The Vigilante" as his nickname because he considers himself the troubleshooter of the promotion ... Proficient in Cumberland wrestling and Thai boxing ... Now feuding with former NWA champion Gary Steele ... Wrestled Jon Ryan in what some considered the best match of the NWA's 52nd anniversary show ... Teamed with Sinn (Chris Champion) during his March tour ... Competed in Holland during the past year ... The split-legged moonsault and the Death Valley tiger driver are his favorite finishers.

212 JAMIE KNOBLE (6', 215, 3, NL) Known as "Jamiesan" in The Jung Dragons ... Wore a mask to suppress his American heritage ... Enhancing his knowledge of the Japanese style by teaming with Kaz Hayashi and Yang helped his game considerably ... Heartbroken when WCW released Leia Meow ... Split from The Jung Dragons and found another ostracized star, Evan Karagias, formerly of Three Count ... Teamed with Karagias against Shane Helms and Shannon Moore ... Has competed primarily on the Florida indy circuit since the WWE takeover of WCW.

213 TAKAO OMORI (6'2", 257, 9, 66) Long-time partner of Yoshihiro Takayama has been enjoying singles success since his breakout matches with Kenta Kobashi last year ... Former All-Japan International tag team champion now competes for Mitsuharu Misawa's NOAH group ... Talented mat wrestler adapts readily to other styles and can brawl with the best in the Orient ... Prefers to put opponents away with his fisherman suplex.



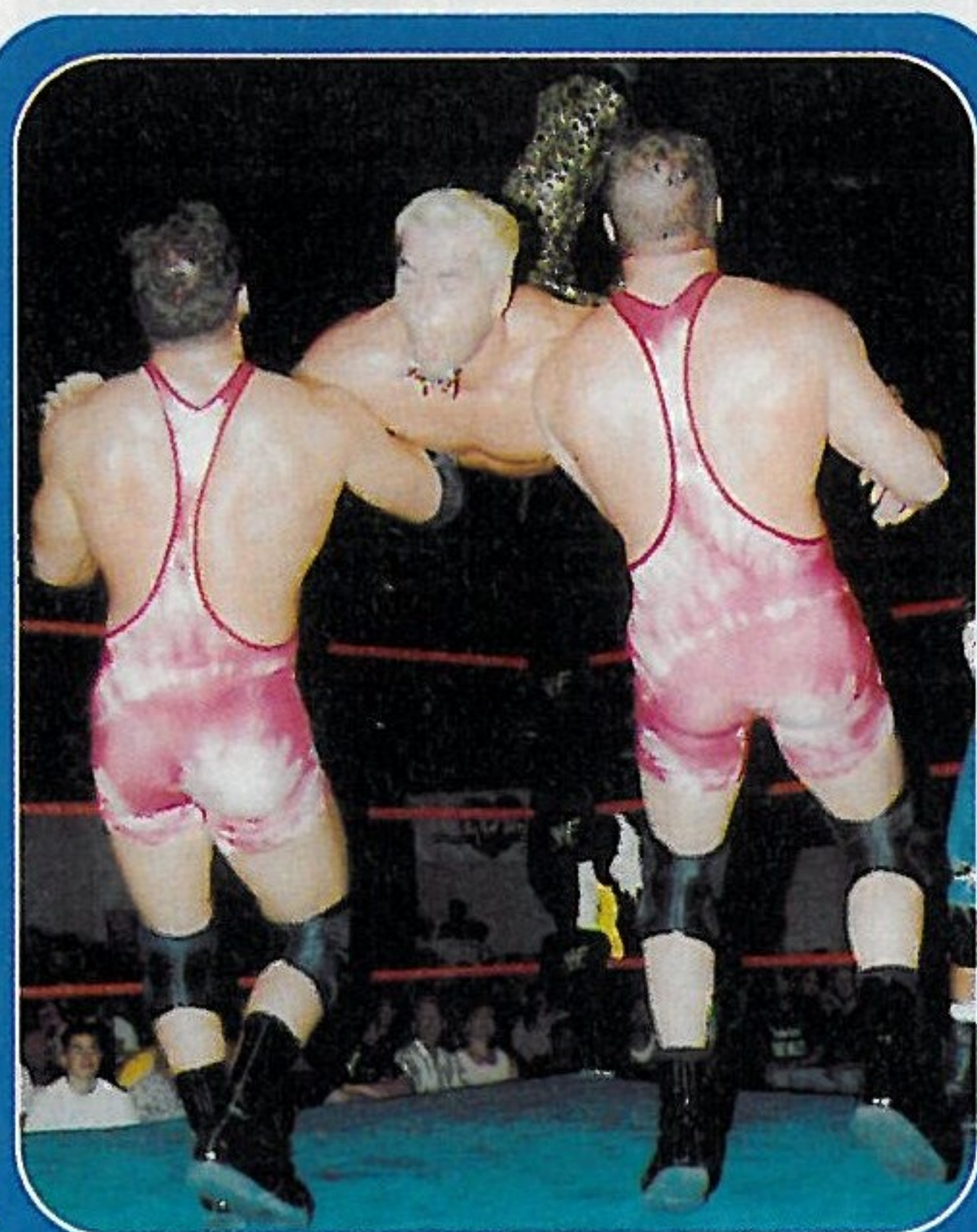
214 TRAILER PARK TRASH (6'1", 230, 6, 232) The first-ever Ohio Valley Wrestling hardcore champion ... Missed some time early in the "500" grading period, but returned stronger than ever in January ... Loves to listen to Hank Williams Jr. while fishing, painting cars, and camping ... One of OVW's most popular wrestlers because he's so down-to-earth and genuine ... Likes to team with The Damaja ... The two make an odd but formidable pairing ... Grew up idolizing Jimmy Valiant and Jerry "The King" Lawler.

215 DAMIEN 666 (5'9", 210, 5, NL) He and Halloween comprise Mexico's Most Wanted ... Competes primarily in AAA and other Mexican promotions, but wrestles almost exclusively in Xtreme Pro Wrestling while in the United States ... Damien and Halloween are battling Rob Black's Army ... They recently defeated The Westside ... Also competes in Japan's Frontier Martial Arts Wrestling ... Blends Lucha Libre with hardcore better than anyone ... A former WCW star.

216 YOSHINARI OBAWA (5'11", 239, 8, 133) NOAH's top junior heavyweight is on a path to stardom ... Former tag team partner of Mitsuharu Misawa is now trying to create an identity for himself ... Used to compete for All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where he was a junior heavyweight champion on three occasions ... Likes to string together two of his favorite moves, a jawbreaker and a running lariat.

217 RANDY ORTON (6'5", 265, 1, NL) This third-generation wrestler is the son of "Cowboy" Bob Orton Jr. and the grandson "Big O" Bob Orton Sr. ... Benches almost 400 pounds and squats an impressive 525 pounds ... Years as a member of his high school wrestling team give him a strong mat background ... Is a two-time hardcore champion in Ohio Valley Wrestling despite that strong technical background ... Secured a disqualification win over OVW heavyweight champion Flash in June when Flash threw him over the top rope to avoid losing his title ... Occasionally teams with Nick Dinsmore ... One-time partner of Scotty Too Hotty.

218 SAVIO VEGA (5'11", 250, 15, NL) Has slowed considerably since suffering an injury in the WWF's "Brawl For All" competition ... This has been his most active year since that forced hiatus ... His status as a former WWF star (as TNT) gives him a major presence in Puerto Rico's IWA ... Tries to keep peace among members of his former WWF clique, Los Boricuas ... Best known for dominating Steve Austin in a series of Caribbean strap matches in 1996.



219 RODRAGEOUS (6'2", 236, 3, 229) Formerly known as Rodney of The Mean Street Posse ... Spent most of the past year in Memphis ... His moonsault seems more effective ... Became a fan favorite for the first time in his career after he split from the Posse ... Defeated Bulldog Raines for the Power Pro TV title on January 27 ... Lost the belt to Grandmaster Sexay on February 21 in Jonesboro, Arkansas ... Regained it from Sexay three days later ... Stripped of the championship on March 17 when PPW ended its relationship with the WWF and MCW ... Rodrageous was under a WWF contract and couldn't legally compete ... Feuded with Lance Cade.

220 MASA FUCHI (5'7", 199, 23, NL) All-Japan veteran is more active now than at any point in recent years, even taking part in a number of interpromotional bouts against New Japan wrestlers ... Couldn't upset Jushin Liger in their only confrontation this year ... Has held the All Japan junior heavyweight title on five occasions throughout his distinguished career ... Sometimes teams with Toshiaki Kawada, the promotion's top star, and Genichiro Tenryu.

221 TSUBASA (5'8", 202, 4, NL) High-flying star of Osaka Pro had a very strong year ... Masked man is adept at the Lucha Libre style ... Formed a successful trio with Super Delfin and Takehiro Murahama in the spring and fared well in matches against junior heavyweights from New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Inventor of a unique spiral splash from the top turnbuckle ... Sometimes competes for Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group ... Colorful costume and outlandish moves have made him very popular with young fans in both Mexico and Japan.

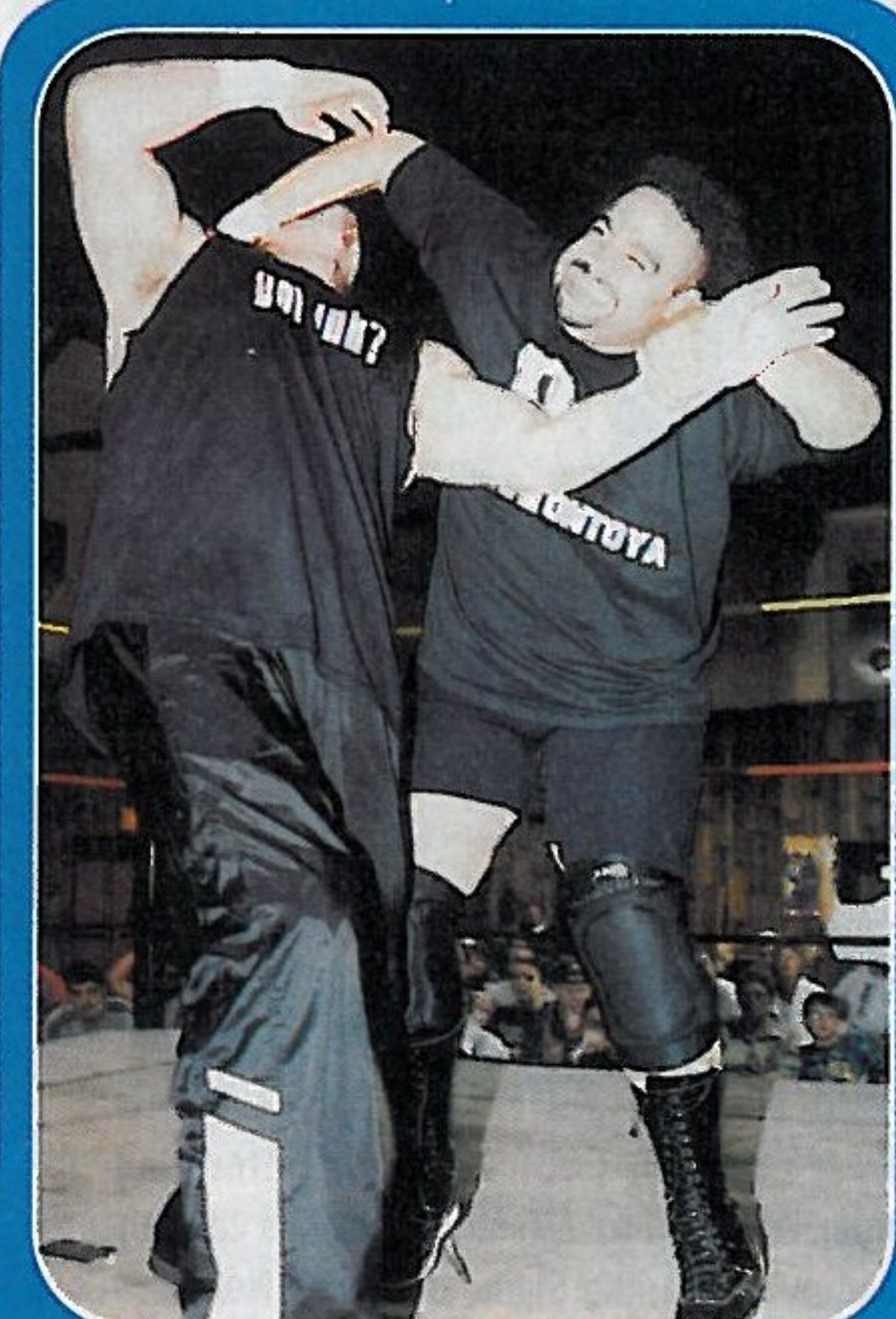
222 EMILIO CHARLES JR. (5'8", 210, 21, 199) Veteran of Lucha Libre has gone back to his *rudo* ways after a very brief stint on the *tecnico* side ... A former NWA middleweight champion ... Continues to wrestle primarily for EMLL ... Has held many tag team and trios titles during his long career ... Tremendous brawler is often underestimated, but he is an outstanding mat wrestler and submission expert ... Despite his loner mentality, he makes for an excellent team player and occasionally partners with Shocker and Tarzan Boy.

223 DON MONTOYA (5'10", 265, 6, 189) "Ghetto Superstar" dropped more than 100 pounds and had a good year on the independent circuit ... Top star of Jersey All Pro Wrestling ... Wrestles all over the East Coast independent scene ... New Jersey native has won a number of titles in his home state ... Feuds and teams with Reckless Youth and "Lightning" Mike Quackenbush ... When they're on the same side, the three of them are known as the Black T-shirt Squad ... Surprises audiences with his graceful flying ... His frog splash and somersault senton complement his power arsenal nicely ... Has a new finisher called the miracle ecstasy, a choke-slam he turns into a seated power bomb.

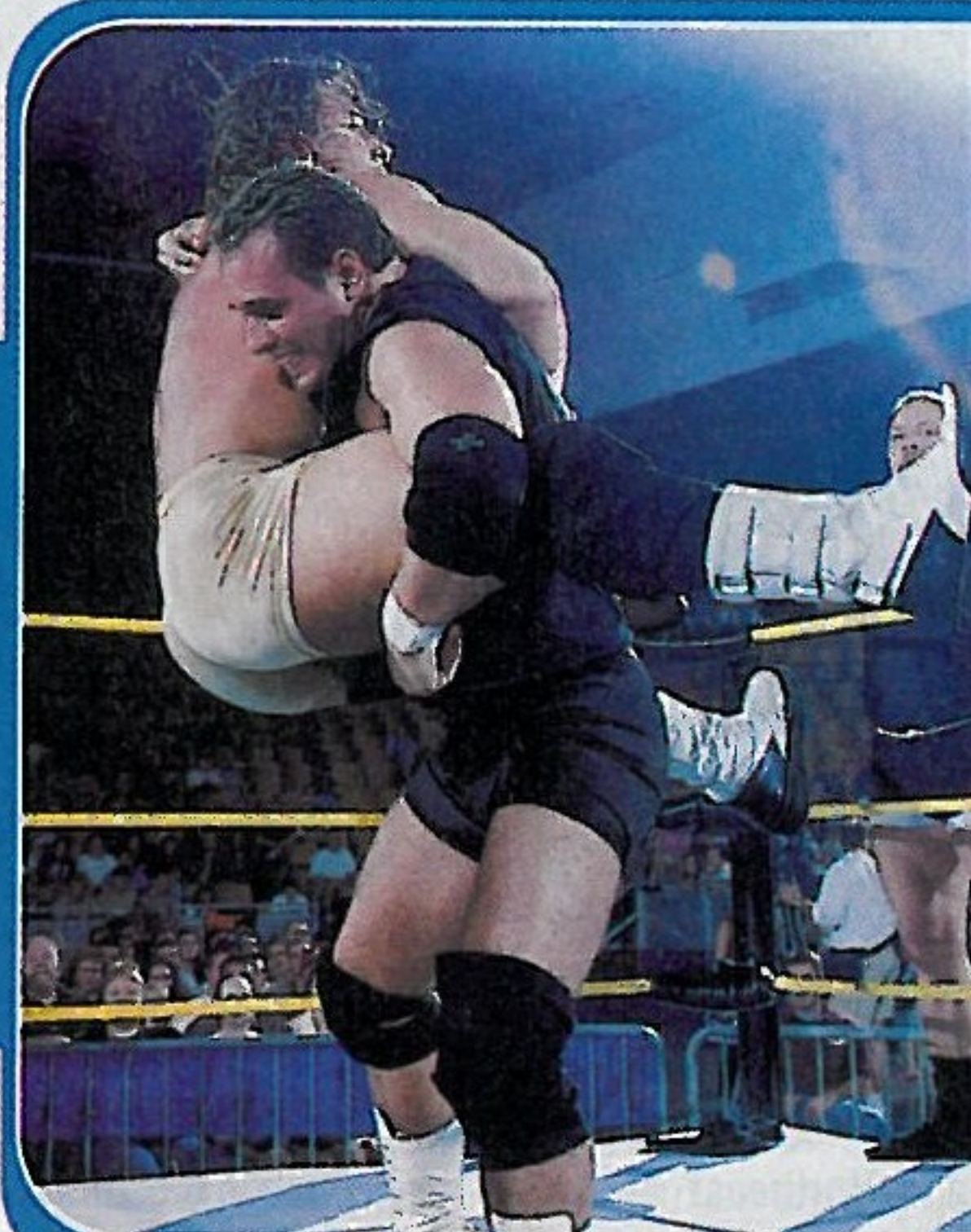
224 JASON LEE (5'11", 219, 5, 238) He and Derrick King comprise The Suicide Blonds in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... They have held the OVW Southern tag team title several times ... Managed by veteran Rip Rogers ... The most arrogant wrestler in the promotion ... Has appeared in the WWF and WCW ... Graduated from the OVW Training Center ... Resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

225 JIM STEELE (6'5", 242, 7, 150) All-Japan Pro Wrestling fans have embraced this former American

wrestling star ... Wrestled as Wolf Hawkfield for several years, a character derived from the Virtual Fighter video game, but dumped the gimmick and returned to his original ring name ... Fared reasonably well in the annual "Champion's Carnival" round-robin tournament ... Still best suited to tag team competition ... Calls his finisher the turbo drop.



226 TAKUMA SANO (5'9", 197, 13, NL) Former IWGP junior heavyweight champion as Naoki Sano ... Trained and fought for years under the banner of Nobuhiko Takada's dojo ... Made a strong showing at last year's J-Cup ... Talented submission grappler is also a capable high-flyer who regularly executes topes in his matches ...



Shot to stardom a decade ago thanks to his famous bloody feud with Jushin Liger ... Now trying to reinvent himself in the rings of NOAH, where he's been struggling in the singles division ... Tiger suplex is his finisher.

227 RICKY BANDERAS (5'11", 205, 1, NL) Captured the International Wrestling Association title on February 10 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico ... Dropped the belt to Glamour Boy Shane on April 7, also in Bayamon ... Regained it on April 21 in Gurabo, Puerto Rico ... Also competes in Mexico, Japan, and the mainland United States ... Has an on-off partnership with Nuevo Gran Apolo ... Battled The Headhunters for much of the past year ... His favorite moves are the spinning kick, front kick, and brainbuster ... The scorpion lock is his submission finisher.

228 BOYCE LeGRANDE (6'2", 220, 3, 300) All Pro Wrestling President Roland Alexander claims LeGrande is only the second "natural" in the promotion's history, after Michael Modest ... Split from The Westside Playaz and partner Robert Thompson, leaving their undefeated streak at 22 consecutive wins over a two-year period ... Vacated the tag team championship ... Wanted to concentrate on the upcoming King of the Indies tournament ... Thompson turned against LeGrande a month later ... LeGrande's girlfriend, Xtacy, is his new valet ... His finisher is the swanton bomb ... A former All Pro Universal champ.

229 VIC CAPRI (5'9", 205, 3, 244) The current Midwest Championship Wrestling titleholder ... His feud with long-time rival Jayson Reign continues ... Biggest victory was for the All Pro Universal title in California ... Nicknamed "Ice Pick" ... His finishing move is the ice crusher ... Has held the Windy City league, lightweight, and tag team titles ... Trained by Sam DeCero.

230 KRONUS (6'3", 310, 12, 246) The former ECW tag team champion and long-time partner of Perry Saturn jumped to Xtreme Pro Wrestling in October 1999 ... The enforcer of Rob Black's Army ... Deals with major threats, but tries to squash minor ones before they get out of control ... Homeless Jimmy earned his first win ever by upsetting Kronus in the first round of the 2001 King of the Deathmatch tournament ... Also competes on the East Coast.

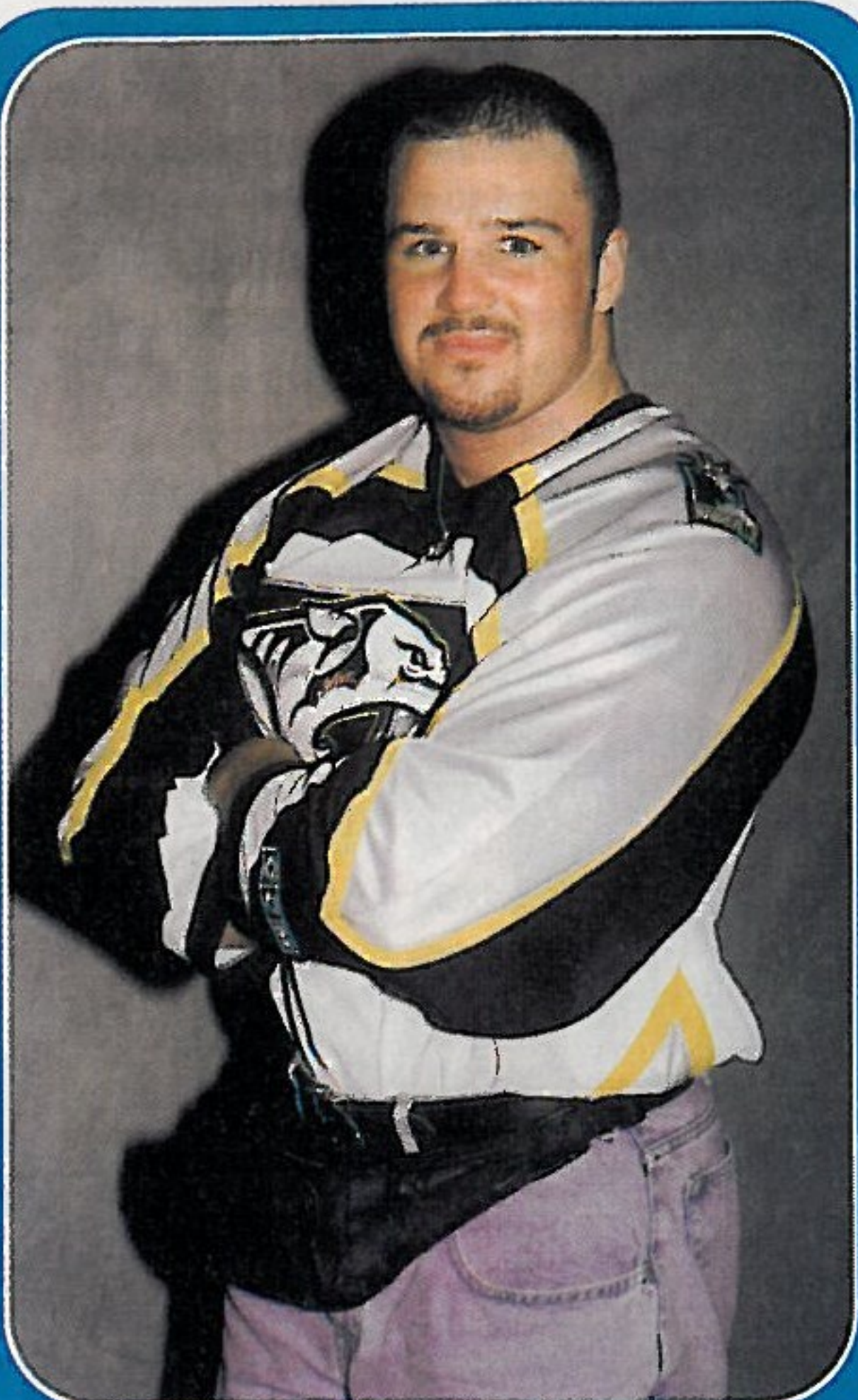
231 SAMU (6'4", 300, 20, NL) Returns to the "PWI 500" after a five-year absence ... The current World Xtreme Wrestling champion ... Leading his family's effort to regain control of the promotion for his father, Afa ... His finishing maneuver is the Samoan cutter ... He and cousin Fatu (Rikishi) appeared as The Samoan Swat Team in World Class Wrestling and World Championship Wrestling in the late-1980s and early-'90s ... They later became known as The Headshrinkers and held the WWF tag team title.

232 HALLOWEEN (6', 230, 11, NL) Competes primarily for Xtreme Pro Wrestling in the United States ... Battling Rob Black's Army ... Fans like his blend of technical moves, high-risk aerial moves, and hardcore tactics ... Teams with Damien ... Headlines in his hometown of Tijuana ... Had wrestled in WCW ... Seeking a shot at XPW champion The Messiah.

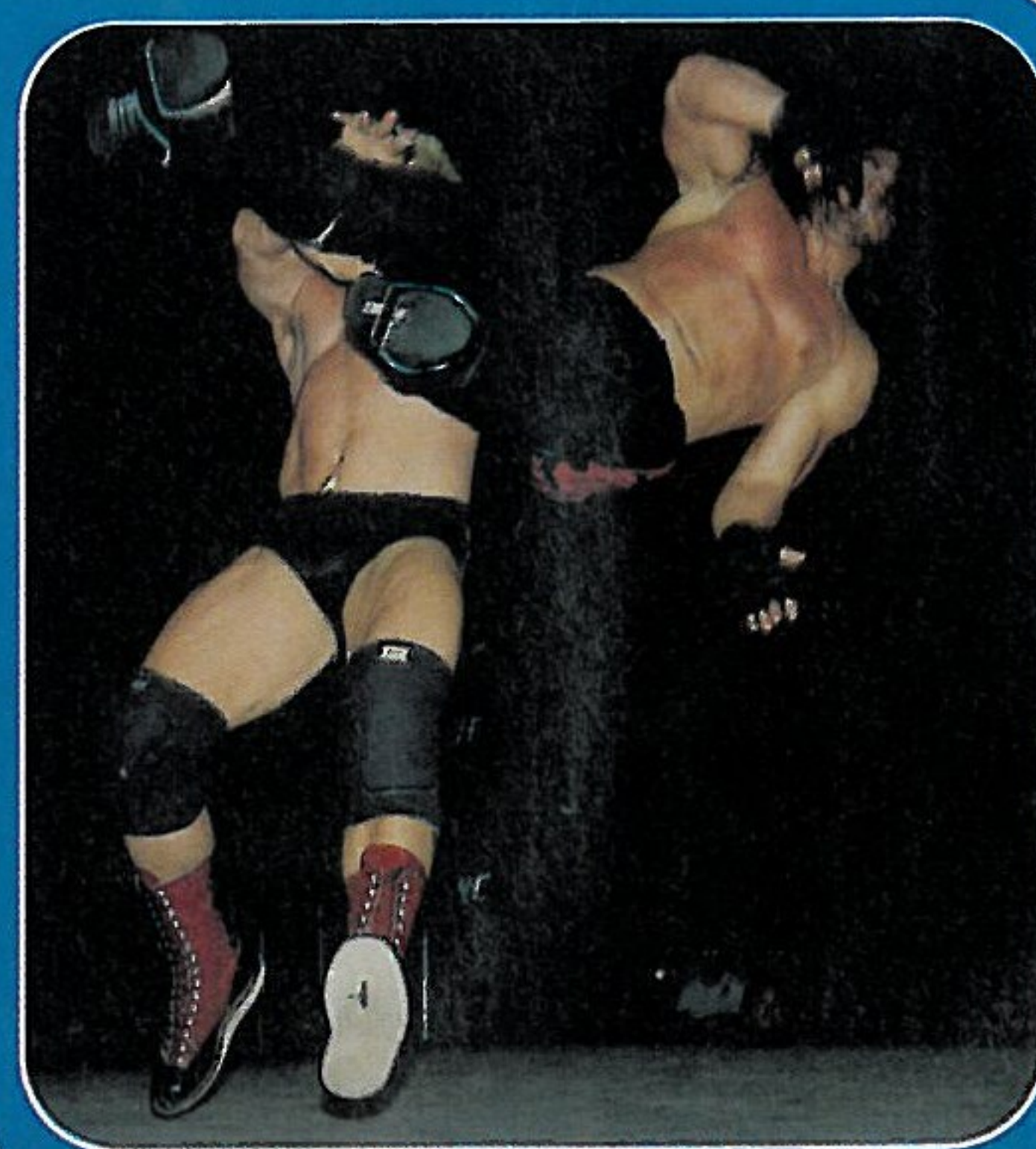
233 ANDY ANDERSON (5'10", 215, 5, NL) Currently wrestling as "White Wolf" in Puerto Rico's IWC, where he is feuding with former ECW star Super Crazy ... Also feuds with Miguel Perez ... Canadian star first impressed in Music City Wrestling ... Has wrestled in virtually every corner of the globe ... Likes to use suplexes to wear his opponent down ... Claims to be inspired by Chris Benoit ... Former NWA Georgia junior heavyweight champion.

234 BILLY FIVES (5'11", 222, 4, NL) Nicknamed "Vertex" ... Lost to Low-Ki in the first round of the 2001 Super 8 ... Mixes high flying with the martial arts ... A member of Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Wrestled Mike Sullivan, Scoot Andrews, and Cheetah Master ... Defeated Anthony Adonis to become Florida Wrestling Alliance champion ... His most intense feud has been against Dennis Allen in the FWA ... Also competes in NWA Florida and IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Has toured Puerto Rico and South America.

235 PETE GAS (6'2", 255, 3, 233) Competed in Memphis Championship Wrestling and the International Wrestling Association for most of the year ... A former member of The Mean Street Posse ... Added the power bomb to his repertoire ... Returned to Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association in July ... Aligned with Kevin Kelly ... Has held the WWF hardcore title ... A childhood friend of Shane McMahon.



236 TOM BRANDI (6'3", 255, 16, 214) Defending the International Pro Wrestling Alliance title against Jimmy Cicero, Big Slam, and Jacey North ... Lost the Int'l Pro Wrestling title to King Kong Bundy ... Sneak-attacked Bundy during his title defense against Corporal Punishment and stole the IPW championship belt ... Sometimes infuriates fans by blowing a shrill whistle into the ring microphone before his matches ... Also competes in Maryland Championship Wrestling, NWA Jersey, and Northeast Wrestling ... Probably the most successful indy star ever in the Northeast.



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237 JACK DUPP (6'4", 280, 11, 288) Competed in Memphis Championship Wrestling for most of the year with Beau Dupp ... They captured the MCW Southern tag team title ... Rivals included the Haas brothers and The Island Boys ... Released from his WWF developmental contract earlier in the year ... Has wrestled in Southern Championship Wrestling and other promotions in the Carolinas ... Had teamed with Shane Helms under the name Serial Thrilla ... Also known as "Big Daddy" Mike Maverick.

238 ROMEO BLISS (6', 237, 4, 453) Tried to make David Flair feel unwelcome in NWA Wildside ... Eventually earned a grudging respect for Flair and asked him to be his partner ... They defeated The Kohl Brothers for the Wildside tag team title ... Signed a match with a special stipulation, stating he would retire if they lost the belts to the Kohls ... The WWFE purchase of WCW forced a recall of all developmental wrestlers, forcing Flair to abandon his partner ... Bliss tried to defend the championship by himself, but the Kohls were too much for him ... Now retired, unless he can find a loophole ... Great at doing promos.

239 SHINYA MAKABE (6'1", 223, 3, NL) Powerful junior heavyweight is struggling in the ultra-competitive ranks of New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Impressed a lot of people at last year's J-Cup when he held his own against veteran Gran Hamada ... Competent mat wrestler can go move-for-move with anyone in his weight class ... Only needs one breakthrough victory to begin his ascent toward stardom ... Does well in tag team matches, but singles weaknesses were evident in his matches at this year's "Best Of The Super Junior" competition ... His spear is simply brutal.

240 DR. CEREBRO (5'11", 198, 6, 202) Hated *rudo* is still plying his trade in the IWRG ... Like many other diabolical doctors in Lucha history, this masked man usually wears an all-white uniform ... Started wrestling at a very young age, which gives him an advantage over his contemporaries ... Has an amazing knowledge of submission holds that is virtually unrivaled in Mexico ... Routinely invents new variations of old submission holds ... Occasionally pops up in Japan ... His signature CerebroLock has yet to be countered.



241 THE MESSIAH (5'11", 213, 5, NL) This was The Messiah's breakout year ... Competes in Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... Beat Supreme for King of the Deathmatch title ... His mad quest for the XPW title resulted in Rob Black's Army pummeling then-champ Sabu in a steel cage, forcing the hardcore veteran to choose a substitute for his next title defense ... Sabu's substitute, New Jack, dropped the XPW title to The Messiah ... Must face a broader array of challengers as XPW champion and King of the Deathmatch, including Vampiro, Pogo the Clown, Johnny Webb, and Steve Rizzono.

242 SILKY BOOM BOOM (5'7", 205, 7, 296) Became known as "King Of The Georgia Independents" when he held three heavyweight championships in the Peachtree State simultaneously ... A mainstay of NWA Wildside ... Formed a new version of The American Males with Adam Jacobs ... Locked in a singles feud with Dango Wynn (Gemini) ... Resides in Atlanta.

243 DENNIS GREGORY (6'1", 222, 9, NL) Defends the Steel City title ... Apparently no one told him Steel City Wrestling went out of business ... Managed by "Hotshot" Drew Lazario ... Now in Far North Wrestling, also based in Pittsburgh ... "The Softcore Superstar" refuses to stoop to the level of hardcore action, deeming it "garbage wrestling" ... Trained in Peterboro, England, while in the U.S. Air Force ... A former Allied Powers Wrestling Federation Internet champion.

244 BEAU JAMES (5'10", 285, 11, 252) The self-proclaimed "King Of Kingsport, Tennessee" ... Became the most popular star in Southern States Wrestling because of his war with Scotty Ace's Full House ... Won the 10th annual SSW Champions of Champions tag team tournament with long-time rival Ricky Harrison ... Harrison turned against James and beat him in a loser-leaves-town cage match, as James had done to him a year earlier ... Went to Ohio's Nationwide Wrestling, where he's feuding with Mid-America champion Todd Morton.

245 TONY JONES (6'4", 260, 4, 314) Replaced Boyce LeGrande as Robert Thompson's partner in The Westside Playaz ... They captured the All Pro tag team belts ... It was Jones' fourth tag title reign ... Managed by "Mack Daddy" Jimmy Ripp ... Bears the well-earned nickname of "Shooter" ... A former All Pro Universal titleholder ... Part of an invading force into Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Won the UPW Southern California strap ... Wrestled in the Urban Wrestling Alliance as "Hard To Kill" Tony Jones ... The belly-to-belly suplex is his finisher ... A collegiate wrestler at San Francisco State University.

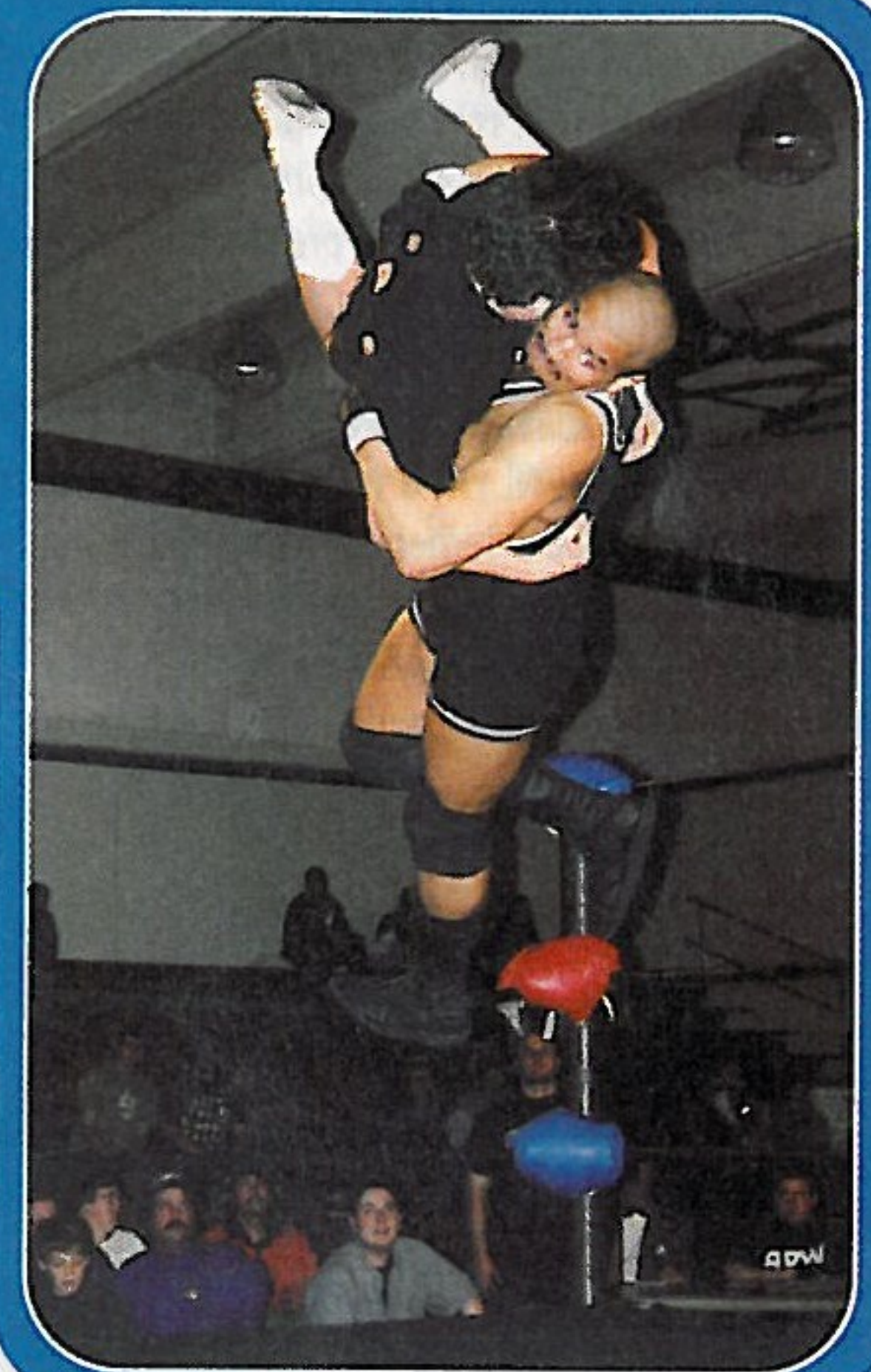
246 SUPREME (5'10", 280, 6, NL) Depressed after The Messiah broke the neck of Kristi Myst, his valet ... Swore off the hardcore style and assumed his real name, Lester ... Xtreme Pro Wrestling owner Rob Black was frustrated by Supreme's lack of effort and offered him a release ... Supreme refused, snapped into his old persona, and made it to the 2001 King of the Deathmatch final against Vic Grimes ... Black pushed Supreme off a 20-foot ladder and through two tables covered in light bulbs and barbed wire to give Grimes the win ... Joined New Jack to battle The Black Army ... Appeared in two FMW pay-per-views in Japan.

247 GLEN OSBOURNE (6'1", 275, 12, 182) Held the East Coast Wrestling Association Mid-Atlantic title for most of the past year ... Lost the belt to Mozart Fontaine in controversial fashion ... His great technical ability, combined with size and power, has made him a major force in the ECWA for eight years ... Osbourne's brutal feud with Patch, another powerhouse, culminated at the "Battle At The Bob" in November ... Helped train Mozart Fontaine, Johnny Maxx, Benny Stoltzfus, and The Japanese Pool Boy, among others.

248 MASAO ORIHARA (5'8", 188, 12, 169) Independent wrestler pops up all over the Japanese wrestling scene, most often as Sasuke the Great in the rings

of Michinoku Pro ... Also appears for BattlArts, Big Japan, and other smaller groups ... Agile high-flyer likes to mimic all the Great Sasuke's signature moves and never ceases to be an annoyance to Sasuke with his impostor antics ... Spent a few years teaming with fellow independent wrestler Takeshi Ono ... Sometimes carries a sword or fencing foil to the ring with him ... Has an unusual top-ropo German suplex in his arsenal that he likes to combine with a moonsault press for an impressive finishing combination.

249 K.C. THUNDER (6'1", 250, 15, 271) Held the Southern States Wrestling tag team title twice with cousin Beau James ... Chasing Ricky Harrison, hoping to make the SSW champion pay for sending James out of



the promotion in a loser-leaves-town cage match ... Reunites with James in Ohio's Nationwide Wrestling on occasion, and also competes in North Carolina's FPF and South Carolina's WWC ... Trained by former NWA junior heavyweight champion Nelson Royal ... Owns more than 200 pairs of multi-colored tights.

250 OTTO SCHWANZ (6'4", 287, 4, 289) Known as Beau Dupp while teaming with Jack Dupp in ECW ... Had poor hygiene and constantly picked at himself ... The Dupp's' bad habits didn't prevent the WWF from signing them to a developmental deal ... They competed in Memphis until the spring of this year ... Returned to his former territory, Southern Championship Wrestling, and his old persona, Otto Schwanz, after being released from his developmental contract ... A former SCW champion.

251 VINCENZO MAS-SARO (5'9", 260, 3, 307)

Claiming wrestlers throughout the business were stealing his moves, Massaro changed his nickname from "The Gigolo" to "The Innovator" and trademarked all his finishing maneuvers ... Felt smug after defeating Nova in a "Battle Of The Innovators" match on March 17 in Pacifica, California ... Teams with Super Destroyer 2000 ... Has reigned as All Pro Internet champion for most of the past year.

252 DAMIEN STEELE (6'2", 230, 6, 301)

Spent much of 2000 as UPW.com champ ... The rulebender lost the belt to "Smooth" Billy D ... Toured Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council ... Returned to UPW and insisted he was there to stay ... His finishing maneuver is the deal breaker ... Reigned as Xtreme Pro Wrestling champ during the first several months of that promotion's existence ... Already a ubiquitous presence in smaller indies throughout Southern California.

253 ERIC ANGLE (6'1", 225, 1, NL)

The older brother of Kurt Angle might be best remembered by WWF fans for the "switch and bait" routine the brothers pulled at the 2000 Survivor Series ... Kurt basically sacrificed him to the "Dead Man" ... Afterward, assigned to Ohio Valley Wrestling to gain seasoning ... A two-time former All-American collegiate wrestling champion ... Not as polished as Kurt, but definitely shows potential ... Held his own in a feud with the Disciples of Synn ... Was out with an elbow injury at press time.



254 JON RYAN (5'11", 230, 3, 354)

Enjoyed a great year in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock, with victories over Tank, Danny Garnell, and Johnny Moss ... Wrestled Moss in an acclaimed encounter at the NWA 52nd anniversary show ... Competed in Holland ... Involved in shoot-style wrestling ... Used foul tactics to dominate his feud with Paul Vault ... Now feuding with Dean Champion ... Becoming a suplex master, with the T-bone being his most effective ... Sidetracked when manager Mike White's car had a collision with a 40-ton lorry ... White has drastically reduced his appearances ... Ryan himself suffered a torn ACL when he uncharacteristically jumped off the top rope and onto Paul Vault ... Not expected to return until at least September.

255 MIKE SHANE (6'4", 290, 4, 320)

Defeated The Dog in a tournament final to become the first International Pro Wrestling TV champion ... Holds the IPW tag team title with his twin brother, Todd ... Competed for Big Japan ... The Shane Twins wrestled Disorderly Conduct in a dark match at the final WCW Thunder taping ... Considered more vicious than his brother ... A member of Ron Niemi's 911 Inc. ... Delivers impressive aerial moves for a man his size.

256 TODD SHANE (6'4", 290, 4, 322)

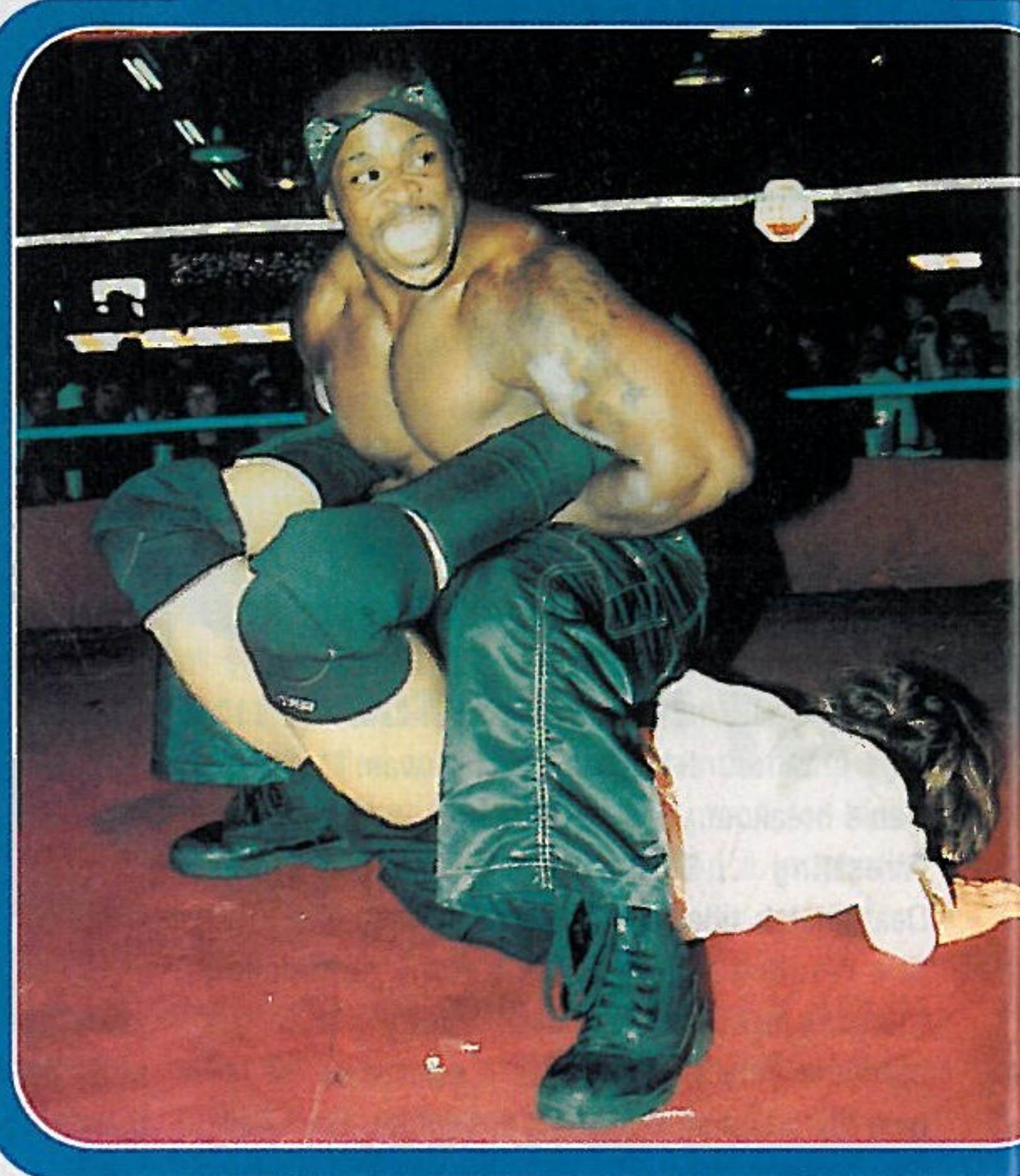
He and his twin brother, Mike, are feuding with NWA tag team champions The Heavenly Bodies ... The Shane Twins beat the teams of Public Enemy and Marty Jannetty and Tommy Rogers to win a one-night tournament for the Power Zone tag title in Texas ... Wrestled in Big Japan ... A member of the hated 911 Inc., managed by Ron Niemi ... Combines some Lucha Libre moves with his raw power ... Nicknamed "T-Bone" ... Trained by Dean Malenko.

257 LEVIATHAN (6'6", 325, 3, NL)

Ohio Valley Wrestling man-beast who is stated to have been dredged from the Ohio River during an occult ceremony conducted by the wicked Synn ... Seemingly impervious to pain ... Offense is all power all the time ... Only recently began to speak ... Has curiously not pursued the OVW heavyweight title ... Tasted WWF champion Steve Austin's wrath in January when Austin laid him out with the "Stone-Cold" stunner ... A WWF developmental talent who is sure to get his chance to shine.

258 ONYX (5'10", 217, 2, NL)

Spent much of 2000 as a member of the hated NWA Elite, which included Eddie Golden, Adam Jacobs, and John Phoenix ... His impressive physique and dirty dancing ring entrance made him a crowd-pleaser despite that affiliation ... A former Wildside junior heavyweight champion ... His feud with Lazz solidified him as a major force in the promotion.

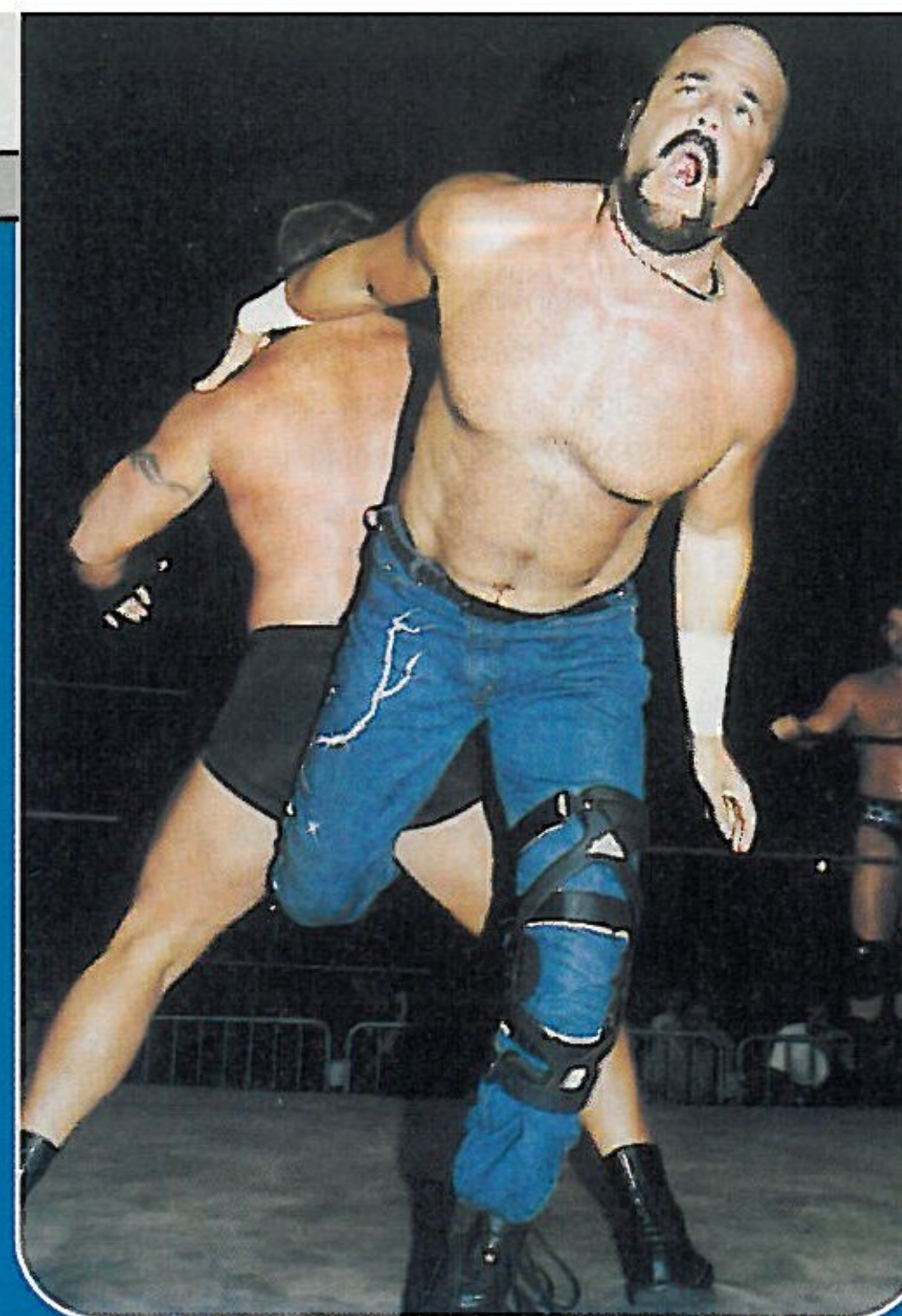


259 KOJI KANEMOTO (5'10", 200, 11, 104)

Former IWGP junior heavyweight champion started his year out by capturing the junior tag team title with new partner Minoru Tanaka ... Wound up on the shelf nursing an injury for two months after they lost the belts to Jushin Liger and El Samurai ... Known for his punishing kicks and merciless ring offense ... A former "Best Of The Super Junior" tournament winner ... Has a beautiful moonsault press in his arsenal, but in tribute to his days as Tiger Mask III, he uses the Tiger suplex as his regular finishing move.

260 FRANK PARKER (6'3", 270, 8, 303)

Teams with Roger Anderson ... They are known as Death and Destruction ... Parker and Anderson advanced to the finals of Southern States Wrestling's 10th annual Champions of Champions and Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling's Giorgio Foods tag team tournaments, but won neither ... Managed by Al Getz most of the time ... Held the Southern Championship Wrestling title in North Carolina ... Nickname is "The Tank" ... Still holds his Virginia high school bench press record ... Trained by Jimmy Valiant.



261 HORACE HOGAN (6'2", 240, 11, 256)

Went from a cushy WCW career to the hard knocks of the Florida independent circuit ... His primary rival is Cyborg ... Lack of charisma causes him to be underrated and unappreciated ... The emphasis on hardcore wrestling in many Florida promotions is perfect for Hogan, who has vast experience in Japan's FMW ... Held the FMW tag team title with Sabu ... Nephew of Hulk Hogan.

262 EDDIE GOLDEN (6'1", 205, 12, 334)

A member of Jeff G. Bailey's NWA Elite ... Distinguished himself in matches against Kid Kash, E.Z. Money, A.J. Styles ... Teams with Styles, Onyx, and Terry Knight on various occasions ... A former Wildside TV champ ... Hails from Asheville, North Carolina ... Nephew of Jimmy Golden ... One of NWA Wildside's best young veterans.

263 J.R. RYDER (6'3", 235, 5, 264)

Spent most of the past year as a member of Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance ... Held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title with Inferno ... Broke from the Alliance and turned fan favorite ... Wrestled Billy Gunn and The Goodfather in the WWF ... Feuding with J.J. Johnston and former partner Inferno ... Now teams with Vince Goodnite and Johnny Maxx ... Has also competed in the Heartland Wrestling Association, several Florida promotions, and other Northeast-based independents.

264 MAJOR DeBEERS (5'11", 260, 25, 273)

Celebrated a quarter-century in the business in 2001 ... Engaged in brutal feuds with The Barbarian and

Frank Parker ... Turned fan favorite ... The master of hardcore in Southern Championship Wrestling ... His finishing maneuver is the people's ass (Don't ask) ... Managed by Count Grog ... Hails from Sun City, South Africa.

265 KING KONG BUNDY (6'4", 446, 20, 226)

Tom Brandi ambushed Bundy during his Int'l Pro Wrestling title defense against Corporal Punishment and stole his championship belt, renewing their brutal East Coast feud ... Appears as a fan favorite or a heel, depending on the situation ... A contender for the National Wrestling League title, but he must go through John Rambo first ... Also competes in Northeast Wrestling and the International Association of Wrestling ... A former Maryland Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Best known for his losing effort against WWF champ Hulk Hogan in the main event of WrestleMania II.

266 MIKE SULLIVAN (6'1", 225, 6, 399)

His rivalries with Scoot Andrews and Billy Fives are ongoing in both Florida and Delaware ... Lost to Reckless Youth in the first round of the 2001 Super 8 ... Blends technical repertoire with power moves ... His feuds with The Cuban Assassin, Buck Quartermaine, and The Navy SEAL are exclusive to the Sunshine State ... Managed by Sir Ronald J. Niemi IV in IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Also competes in NWA Florida ... Recently wrestled in a WWF dark match at Madison Square Garden, fulfilling a childhood dream.

267 ROGER ANDERSON (6'2", 267, 11, 308)

He and Frank Parker comprise Death and Destruction, which has brought terror to the South for nearly a decade ... They lost to Ricky Harrison and Beau James in the finals of the 10th annual Champions of Champions tag team tournament ... Advanced to the final of Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling's Giorgio Foods tag tournament, but lost that, too ... Anderson and Parker beat Something Else for the Nationwide tag team title at this year's Mark Curtis Memorial Show ... Nicknamed "Ruthless" Roger ... Managed by Al Getz ... Challenged

Porkchop Thomas for the Appalachian belt.

268 VANCE NEVADA (5'11", 205, 8, NL)

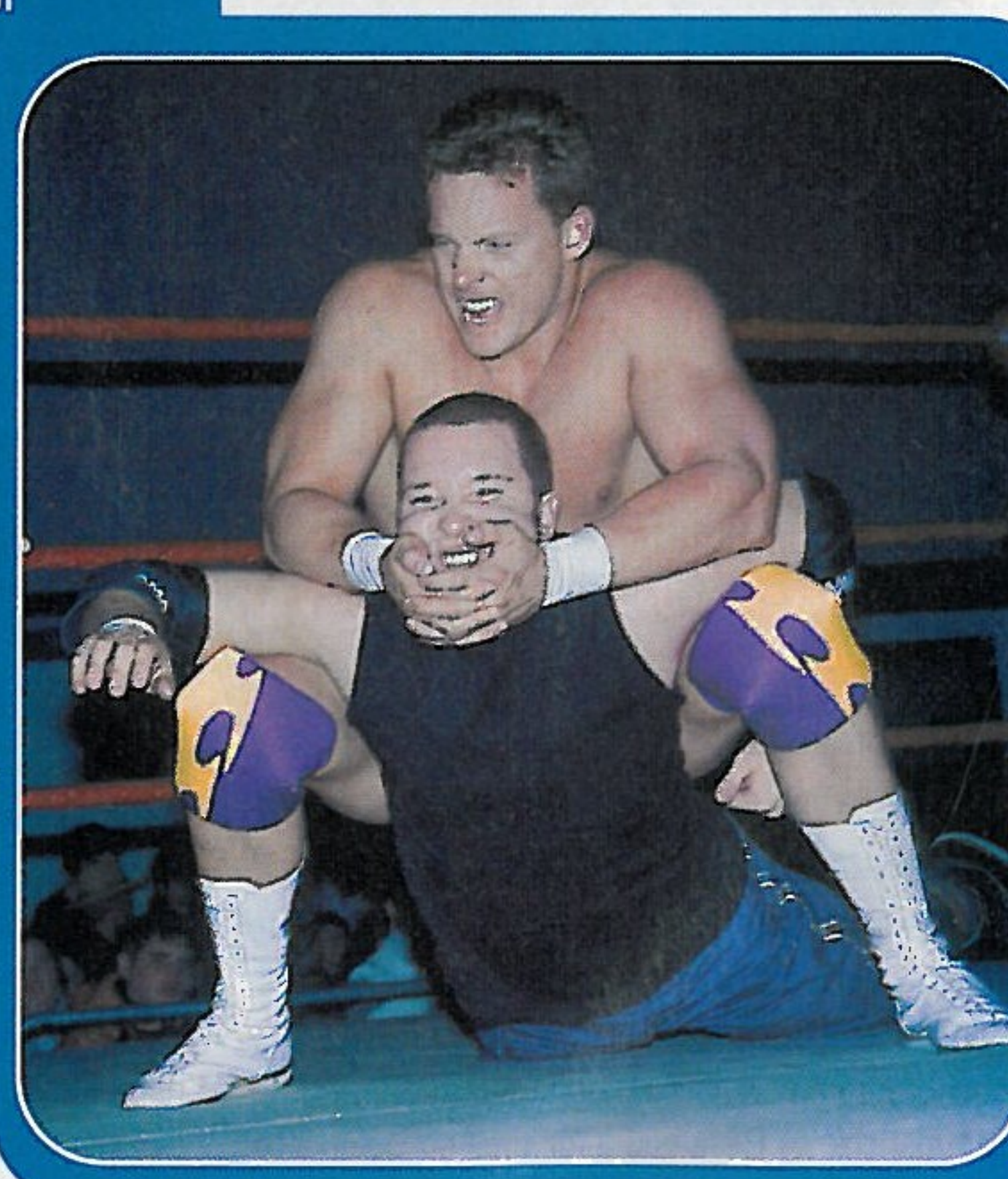
Based in Manitoba's Top Rope Championship Wrestling, but has appeared throughout Canada ... Regarded as one of the greatest holders of the Canadian unified title, which is recognized by many promotions throughout the country ... Teamed with Jim Neidhart against Brian Jewel and Axe ... Scheduled for bookings in Western Canadian Xtreme Wrestling.

269 CHAM PAIN (5'10", 197, 7, 299)

Held the Southern Championship Wrestling title three times during the past year ... Organized a reunion of former Omega Pro wrestlers for a one-time show ... Feuded with Frank Parker and Scab ... Hometown is Las Vegas ... The reverse DDT is his finishing maneuver ... Has become a perennial force in Southern independents.

270 VIC GRIMES (6'1", 375, 6, NL)

Joined Xtreme Pro Wrestling to renew his ECW feud with New Jack ... Recruited by Rob Black's Army ... Beat Supreme in the final of the 2nd Annual King of the Deathmatch tournament ... Received a shot at the



current King of the Deathmatch, The Messiah ... Laid down for The Messiah, a fellow member of The Black Army ... New Jack avenged his 2000 fall in ECW by strapping Grimes to a table with duct tape, climbing to a balcony 30 feet into the air, and jumping on top of his nemesis at the Grand Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles ... Former member of Da Baldies.

271 RACE STEELE (6'2", 240, 1, NL) Sporting a more aggressive, no-care attitude in 2001 ... Lost the Heartland Wrestling Association title to Chad Collyer ... Regained the belt from Shark Boy ... Feuding with Cody Hawk in the HWA, and even having problems with Nick Dinsmore in Ohio Valley ... His finisher is the jumping Steele cutter ... Wrestled in WWF dark matches and appeared on *Jakked* and *Metal*.

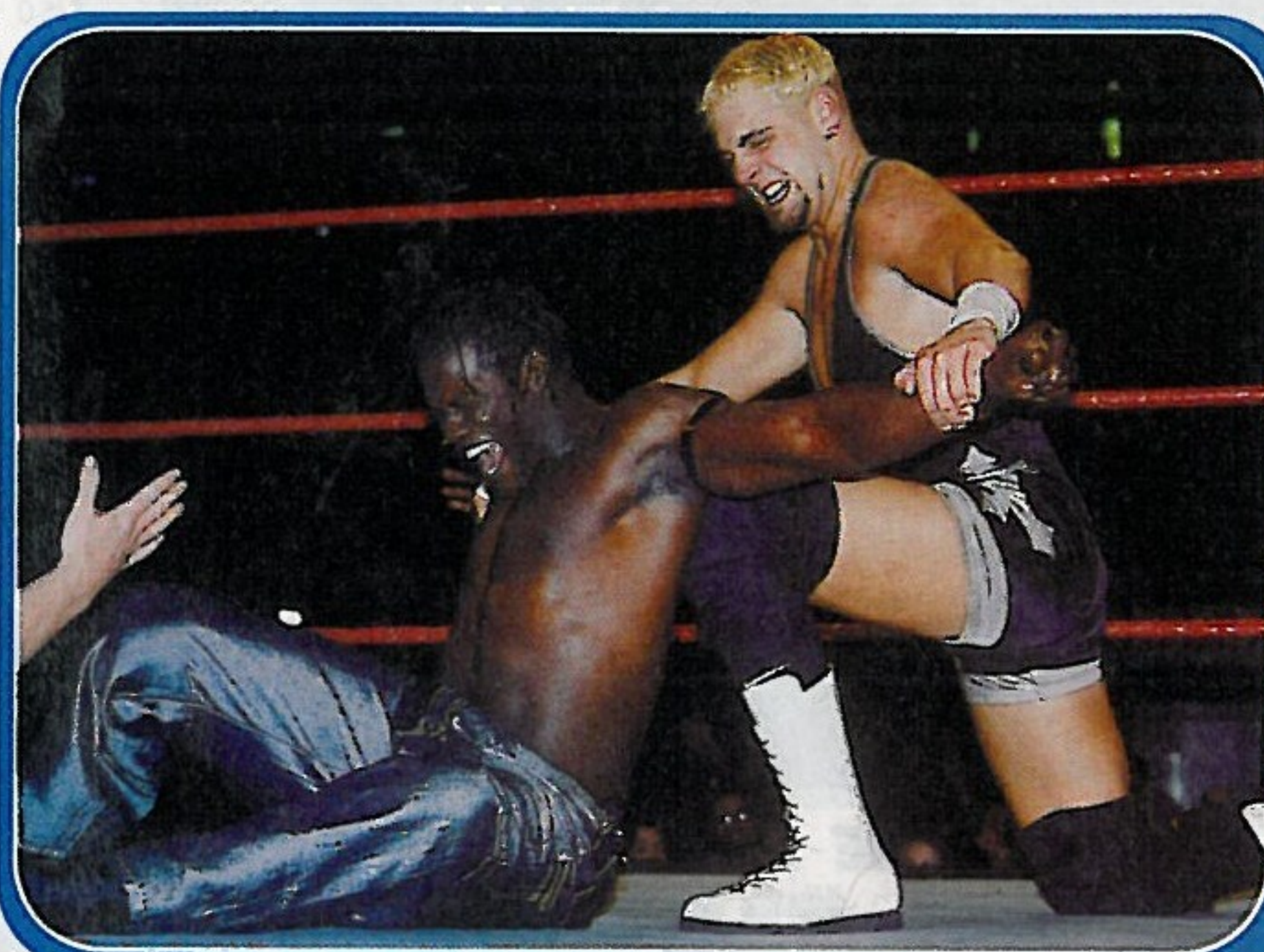


272 JASON JETT (6'2", 239, 11, NL) Known as E.Z. Money in ECW ... Aligned with Chris Hamrick and Elektra while there ... His toughest opponent was Yoshihiro Tajiri ... Was a rising star in WCW's cruiserweight division before the WWFE takeover ... Occasionally teamed with Scotty O on the Southern indy circuit ... Also known as Steve Skyfire in the past.

273 ANDRE BAKER (5'10", 245, 21, 280) Holds black belts in eight martial arts ... Served as a consultant to Britain's United Media for the Transatlantic Wrestling Challenge ... Has played small parts in some BBC programs ... The cornerstone of NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Resumed a full-time schedule after several nagging injuries last year ... Battled Johnny Moss in first-blood, falls-count-anywhere, and hardcore matches ... Refers to Chris Chavis (Tatanka) as "a rain-dancing fool" ... Won the TWC trophy from Sinn (Chris Champion) ... He and Jim Neidhart won most of their matches against Moss and Sinn during a March tour ... Nicknamed "Sledgehammer" ... His finisher is the Frankenstein ... Mentor to former NWA champ Gary Steele.

274 KID KAOS (6', 225, 6, NL) Boasts the most effective blend of technical and high-flying skills in Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... Finally adjusted to the hardcore style, a necessity to succeed in XPW ... Beat Johnny Webb to become the top contender to The Messiah's King of the Deathmatch title ... Also wants The Messiah's XPW belt ... Negotiating to join The Enterprise ... Ruined Juventud Guerrera's XPW debut by handing him a defeat ... Suffered an injured knee against Guerrera, whom Kaos ran out of XPW ... Replaced Guerrera on some shows in Tijuana ... Had already ousted Tracy Smothers in a loser-leaves-town match ... Nephew of Supreme.

275 JAG (5'11", 208, 1, NL) Emerged as one of Australia's top rookies during the past year ... Has suffered only two losses in his career, both to Havok ... The two have engaged in barbed wire, ladder, thumbtack, and hardcore matches ... They decided to become a team and are feuding with Steve O'Neal and Tony Stone throughout Victoria ... Together, Jag and Havok established Australian Wrestling Promotions ... The team invented a superplex into a power bomb, dubbed the Olivia Newton-Bomb ... Also competes for Pro Wrestling South Australia, Action Entertainment, and Australian Pro Wrestling ... Crowned the first-ever Southern Hemisphere hardcore champion ... Appropriately nicknamed "The Extreme High-Flyer."



276 ADAM FIRESTORM (5'10", 180, 5, 421) Strayed from meaningless feuds and faced a series of opponents with varying styles, including Christopher Daniels, Japan's Asian Cougar, and former NWA junior heavyweight champ Tony Kozina ... Participated in Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling's inaugural Pacific Cup, which attracted stars from Canada, the U.S., Japan, and New Zealand ... Added a new finisher, the adamant denial ... Hails from Auckland, New Zealand.

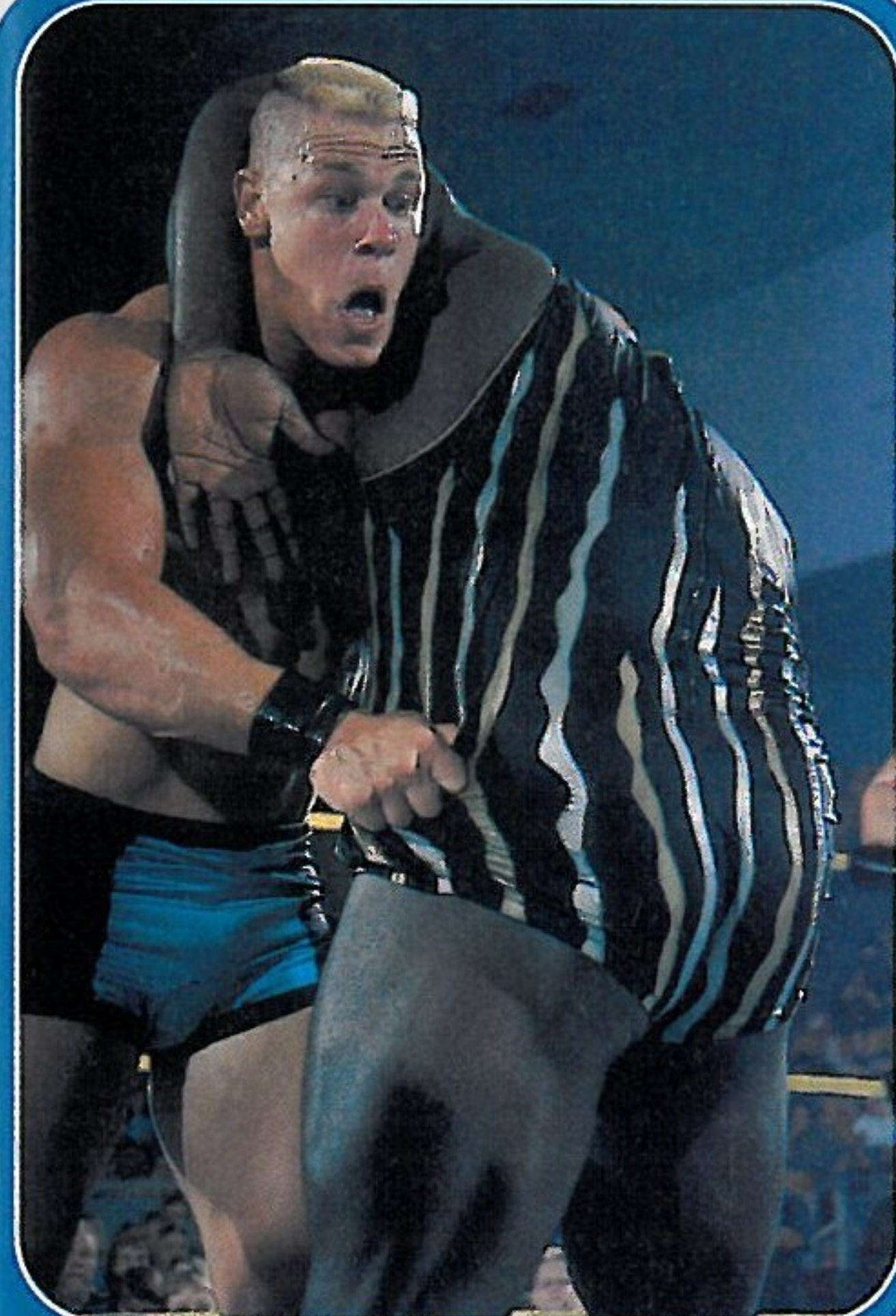
277 COL BOOMER PAYNE (6', 227, 6, 294) Turned heel, prompting Pro Wrestling Xpress fans to vote him Most Hated Wrestler of the Year ... Beat Samu to advance to the finals of the NWA East title tournament, then lost to Quinn Magnum ... Has feuded

with Magnum for three years—their war has spread to the CWF ... There, he beat Magnum in a barbed-wire streetfight ... He and Cory K are battling Moon-dogs 2000 to become top contenders to the World Xtreme Wrestling tag team championship ... Managed by Dylan Dean in WXW ... His finishing maneuver is the much-feared dishonorable discharge.

278 DAVID YOUNG (5'11", 240, 12, 408) Teamed with Rick Michaels to beat Triple-X for the NWA tag team title in Tampa ... The team is nicknamed "Bad Attitude" ... They defended the belts in almost every NWA territory, including Wildside, Nashville, Ohio Valley, Virginia, Southwest, Mid-South, and Florida ... Have become well-known to fans in the United Kingdom ... Captured the NWA Mississippi TV strap in singles competition ... The spinebuster is his finisher.

279 INFERNO (6'4", 240, 7, 266) This year, he declared "I'm not a kid anymore" and changed his name from Inferno Kid ... Spent most of the past year in Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance ... Held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title with J.R. Ryder ... Wrestled Simon Diamond, Cheetah Master, and Steve Bradley ... His current feud with former partner J.R. Ryder is particularly intense ... Has also competed in WXW and the WWF ... Recently graduated from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.

280 JEREMY LOPEZ (5'7", 183, 4, NL) Regarded as a budding star in WCW before the WWFE takeover ... Offered plenty of bookings in Japan since that time ... Trained by Dean Malenko ... Received his WCW try-out, along with fellow Malenko trainees Tony Mamaluke and Jet Jaguar in 1999, then continued his training at the Power Plant ... Hometown is Tampa, Florida.



281 THE PROTOTYPE (6', 250, 1, NL) Probably the best prospect to come out of Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Reigns as the heavyweight champ during his rookie year ... Wrestled in dark matches whenever the WWF toured the West Coast ... Defeated Christopher Daniels, Crash Holly, and C.W. Anderson during the past year ... Appeared in the reality-based program *Manhunt* ... Transferred to Ohio Valley Wrestling as part of his WWF developmental deal.

282 JASON RUMBLE (5'9", 201, 1, NL) Adopted the nickname and surname of his mentor, "Boston Bad Boy" Tony Rumble ... Defeated Beau Douglas in a tournament final for the New England title at the NWA 52nd Anniversary Show ... Lost the belt to Steve King, but quickly regained it ... Also feuded with Zak Mason, Paul Zine, and the KOD ... Held the New England tag title ... His finishing move is the Mass Pike, a variation of the lion tamer.

283 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (6'3", 255, 7, 272) A charter member of Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Betrayed his protege, The Bruiser, causing him to lose the MCW title to Jimmy Cicero ... Became an ally of Total Quality Management ... Engaged in a bloody feud with The Bruiser ... Teamed with Cicero against Joey Matthews and Christian York, as well as Adam Flash and The Bruiser ... Also competes for The Wrestling Zone, ATCW, and the APWF ... Frequently heads south to cause problems for Bob Armstrong in Unified Championship Wrestling.

284 ROB CONWAY (6', 240, 4, 277) Former Ohio Valley Wrestling heavyweight champion ... A series of surprise attacks by Bolin Services led him to align with former adversary The Damaja ... The legality of his gloved fist is questionable ... Some believe "Ironman" took his nickname from what's inside that glove ... A graduate of the Ohio Valley Wrestling Training Center ... Has also competed in Les Thatcher's Heartland Wrestling Association ... Pittsburgh native is an avid basketball fan.

285 LEX LOVETT (6'1", 215, 2, NL) The current NWA Florida junior heavyweight champion ... Retained his title against Jamie Knoble in Tampa ... Feuding with Jet Jaguar in IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Issued challenges to Tony Kozina, Shark Boy, and Reckless Youth ... Trained by Steve Keirn and Jimmy Del Ray ... Expects a shot at the NWA junior heavyweight belt.

286 MATT STRYKER (6', 220, 3, NL) Competes in Ohio's Heartland Wrestling Association ... Pursuing the HWA tag team title with Chad Collyer ... One-half of



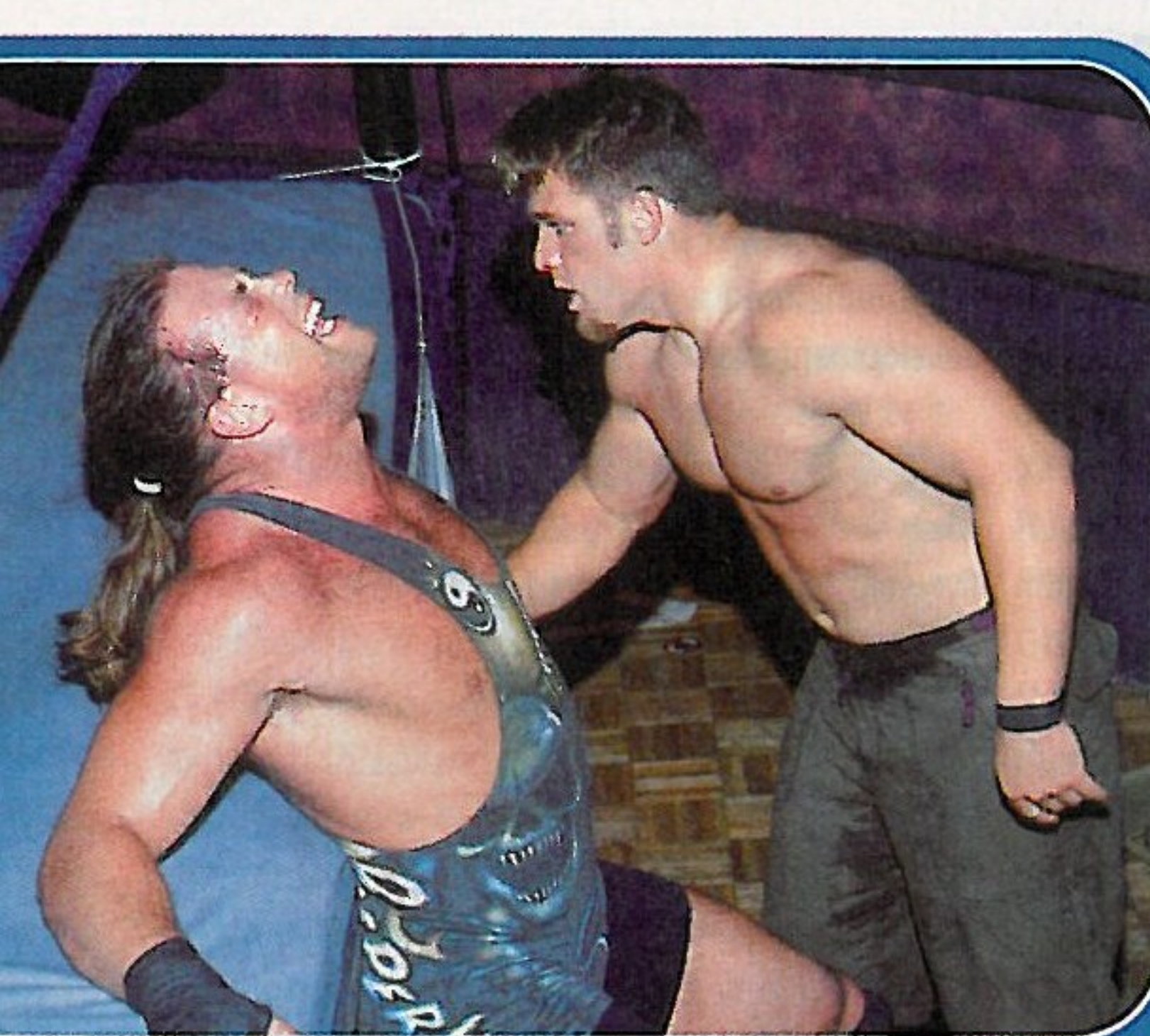
Hellena Heavenly's Hunks ... Race Steele and Randy Orton are his primary rivals ... His finisher is the Stryker driver, a version of the DVD ... Vows to win his first HWA belt by 2002 ... Chances for stardom were enhanced when the HWA became a WWF developmental territory.

287 ROBERT THOMPSON (5'11", 260, 6, 311) Ended his five-year feud with Michael Modest to battle Boyce LeGrande, his former partner in The Westside Playaz ... Angered by LeGrande's decision to vacate the All Pro tag team title to concentrate on the 2001 King of the Indies tournament ... Teamed with LeGrande's replacement, Tony Jones, to beat The Ballard Brothers for the belts on April 14 in Vallejo, California ... Manager Jimmy Ripp changed Thompson from a conscientious fan favorite to a dastardly heel ... Known for his frog splash, senton bomb, and lightning-quick armdrags ... His finisher is the fisherman's buster.

288 JOHN RAMBO (6'4", 267, 12, 312) Specialized in hardcore, ladder, barbed-wire, weapons, and falls-count-anywhere matches ... Vacated the National Wrestling League title in January ... Suffered two broken ribs and a broken bone in his foot, but didn't miss any of his 125 matches in the NWL or House of Pain Wrestling Federation during 2000-01 ... Pinned King Kong Bundy in a lumberjack match to end their long feud ... Uses a sidekick off the top rope as his finishing move ... First gained prominence in the Pacific Northwest in the early-1990s.

289 BLADE BOUDREAUX (6'2", 235, 4, 318) "The Cajun Sensation" defeated veterans Tracey Smothers and Brickhouse Brown ... Competes primarily in Arkansas' Global Pro Wrestling ... Feuding with Al Savage in Unified Championship Wrestling ... His finisher is the gator drop, an inverted DDT ... Has held the Power Pro TV, NWA Mid-South, and GPW Arkansas State titles ... Former partner of Gypsy Joe.

290 SHORTY SMALLS (5'7", 255, 6, 331) Has been an active wrestler on KYDA Pro Wrestling's roster longer than anyone ... "If I can make Jimmy Z's life miserable, then I'll be at every show," he says ... The current UWA champion ... Competes in several Mid-Atlantic promotions ... Married Becky, his long-time manager ... Delivers an impressive dropkick despite his weight ... Bleeds buckets ... Trained by Jimmy Z, Cueball Carmichael, and Jimmy Cicero ... A former Virginia Wrestling Federation champion.



... This despicable human being is the only undefeated wrestler in Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... One of the biggest men in the promotion ... His weird relationship with Angel prompted a feud with Kraq ... Wants a shot at XPW champion The Messiah ... Also competed in Japan's FMW.

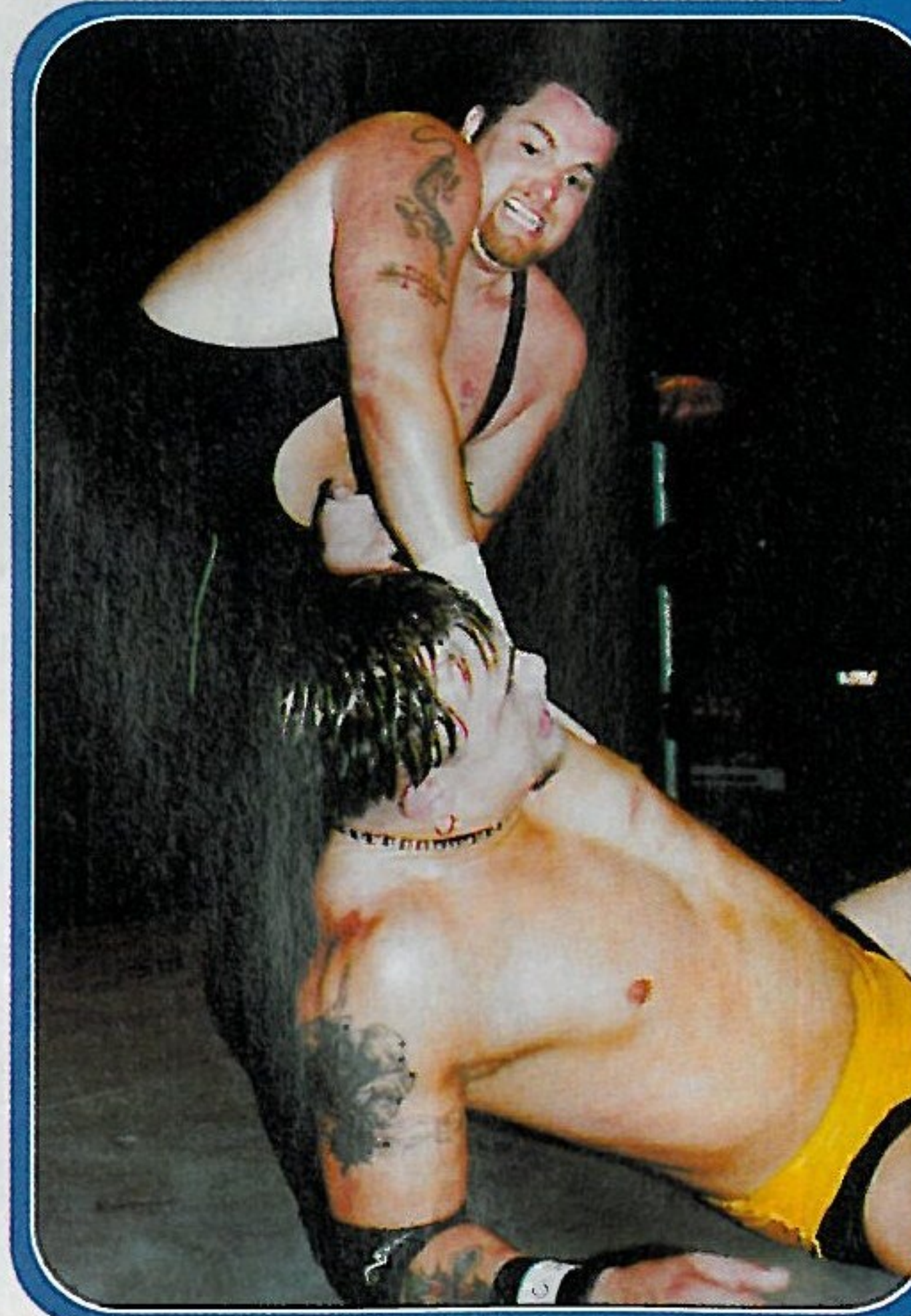
295 HOTSTUFF HERNANDEZ

(6'1", 285, 4, NL) Delivered a superfly leap from the top of a steel cage to regain the NWA Texas State title from Gary Tool ... Also feuded with Necro Butcher and Kevin Northcutt ... Wrestled Crash Holly and Haku on *WWF Jakked*, and Joey Abs in a dark match ...

Has made extensive tours of Japan ... His finishing maneuver is the hot bomb, a variation of the Awesome bomb ... Suffered a broken ankle and a broken finger ... Held the heavy-weight and hardcore titles of the now-defunct Texas All-Star promotion.

296 SHANE BALLARD

(5'9", 210, 3, NL) He and twin brother Shannon have transferred their love of hockey to pro wrestling ... They modeled themselves after characters in the 1977 hockey classic, *Slap Shot* ... Cheerleader Melissa is their perky pompom girl ... The Ballards won the Giorgio Foods Tag Team Tournament in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling ... Battled The Hardy Boyz at an Ultimate Championship Wres-



291 MIKEY HENDERSON

(5'9", 220, 2, NL) Failed to take the Ultimate Pro Wrestling title from Christopher Daniels ... Turned against the fans in frustration ... A contender for every UPW belt ... Gained prominence in smaller Southern California independents before joining UPW ... Wrestled dark matches in the WWF and WCW ... Lobbying for a shot at current UPW champion Samoa Joe.

292 LENNY LANE

(5'10", 212, 6, 234) Competes in the Midwest, and is especially popular in his home state of Minnesota ... Feuded with Johnny Parks and J.B. Trask ... Slated to team with Mikey Whipwreck to challenge Texas Championship Wrestling tag team champions The Overboyz ... Whipwreck didn't show, so Shane Helms helped Lane capture the title ... Beat Mitch Paradise for the MIW championship ... Had memorable encounters against Scotty Z and Nick Mondo ... A former WCW cruiserweight champion.

293 TRENT ACID

(5'11", 210, 7, 358) Has become a cult favorite in Combat Zone Wrestling ... A former CZW junior heavyweight champ ... Held the tag team title with Johnny Kashmere ... A high-flyer who doesn't mind getting bloody ... His finisher is the Acid bomb ... Toured Japan with and without the rest of the CZW roster ... Enjoyed early success in New Jersey independents ... Has also competed in several promotions on the East Coast ... He and Johnny Kashmere were successful as The Backseat Boyz until their violent breakup.

294 POGO THE CLOWN

(6'4", 419, 9, NL) Dresses as a clown and models himself after a real serial killer

ting show ... Shane and Shannon are the All Pro Wrestling and Western States Wrestling tag team champions ... Also wrestled in Canada's XWC ... Have held the UPW tag team title six times ... Their primary rivals are Frankie Kazarian and Nova.

297 LODI

(5'10", 220, 4, 297) Based in Georgia's Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling, where he also serves as a trainer ... Competes in several Southeast independents ... Has a love-hate relationship with Toad ... Adopted the name "Lodi" because it's the last name of his hero, Billy Idol, spelled backward ... Hometown is Harrisburg, Pennsylvania ... Formerly known as Razen Cain and Hell Razor ... Best known as Lenny Lane's partner in WCW.

298 SHANNON BALLARD

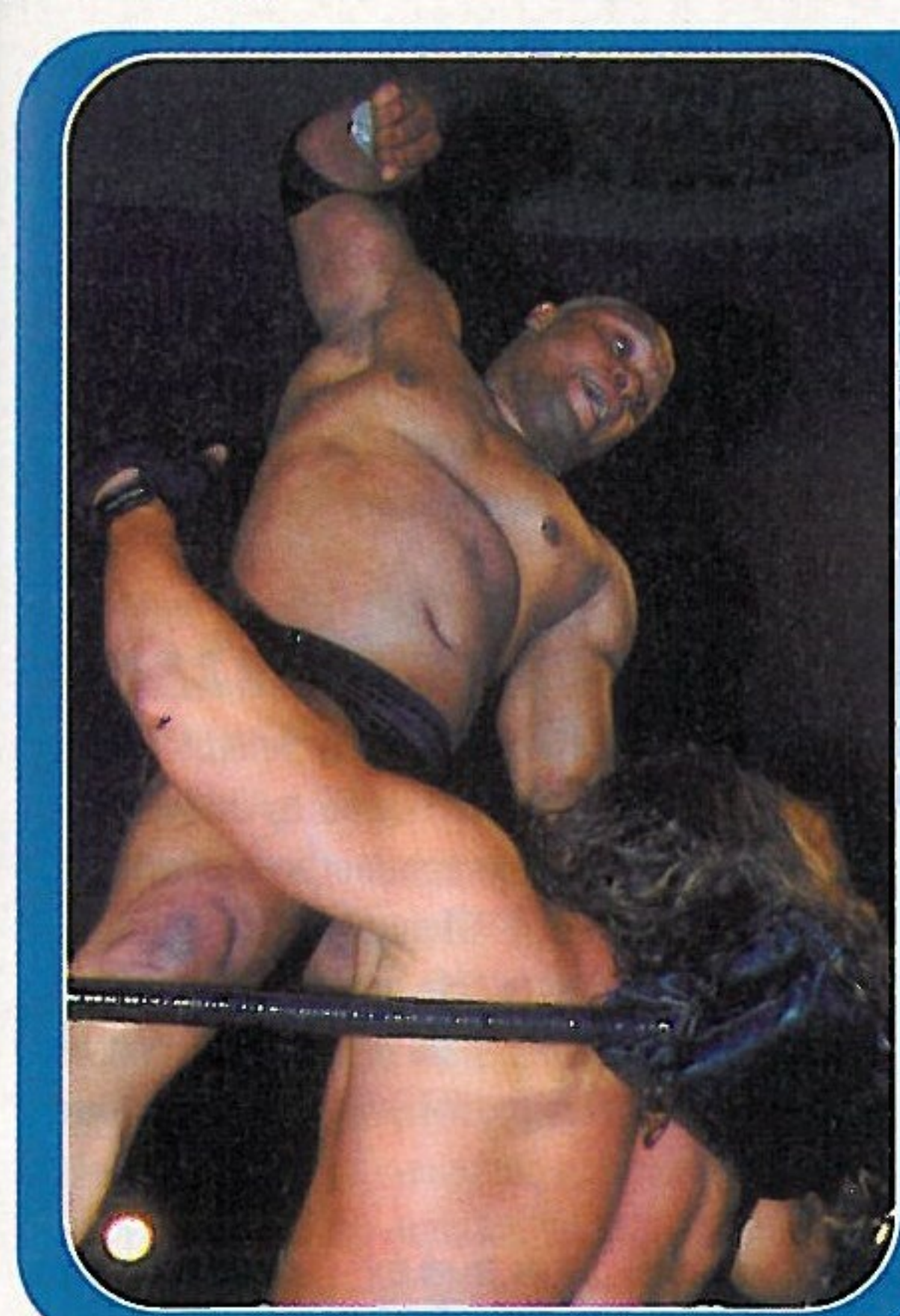
(5'9", 220, 3, NL) Teams with his twin brother, Shane ... Rivals include Frankie Kazarian and Nova in Ultimate Pro Wrestling, Native Blood in Western States Wrestling, and The Westside Playaz in All Pro Wrestling ... The Ballards won Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling's Giorgio Foods Tag Team Tournament ... Holds the WSW tag team title with Shane ... Captured the All Pro tag team belts ... Six-time former UPW tag champ ... Wrestled The Hardy Boyz at a UPW show ... Also competed in Canada's XWC ... Their valet is Cheerleader Melissa ... A hockey player-turned-wrestler.

299 CHRIS NELSON

(6', 225, 9, NL) Enjoyed the best year of his lengthy career as partner of Vito DeNucci in The New Heavenly Bodies ... Managed by original "Heavenly Body," Jimmy Del Ray ... The Bodies hold the NWA tag team title ... They have led NWA Florida into a violent war with IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Singled out The Shane Twins and The Market Crashers for destruction ... Nicknamed "Casanova."

300 STEVE SHARP

(6', 250, 3, NL) Competes throughout the Midwest ... Nickname is "The Atomic Dogg" ... Very popular in Missouri ... Relies on power, especially his upper body strength, but also has impressive agility ... Graduated from the Harley Race Wrestling Academy ... Defeated Greg Valentine to become the first World League Wrestling champion in 1999.



301 J.C. DAZZ

(5'8", 200, 2, NL) Engaged in an intense feud with Scottie Wrenn ... Gained respect for his ability and formed The Boogaloo Crew with him ... They captured the NWA Wildside tag team title ... Dazz and Wren wrestled WCW World tag team champions Mark Jindrak and Sean O'Haire ... They earned wins over Three Count and Suicidal Tendencies ... Also defeated Caprice Coleman for the Wildside junior heavyweight belt ... Known for his innovative repertoire.

302 JON HEIDENREICH

(6'7", 300, 2, NL) He and Nathan Jones are known as The Ultimate Army ... Competes in California's Ultimate Championship Wrestling ... Has a black belt in karate ... Relies on size and strength ... Under a WWF developmental contract ... Played with the Washington Redskins during their 1992 Super Bowl championship season ... Bill Goldberg's teammate during a stint with the Atlanta Falcons ... Encouraged by Buff Bagwell to pursue a wrestling career.

303 KEVIN NORTHCUTT

(6'6", 290, 8, NL) Has probably toured the NWA circuit more than any other star ... Defeated Hotstuff Hernandez to win his fourth NWA Texas State title on May 23 in San Antonio ... Subsequently earned a shot at NWA champion Steve Corino ... His signature maneuvers include the Northcutt driver and superkick ... Wrestled under a WCW developmental deal last year ... Has held the NWA National, Asian Pacific, and Mid-South titles ... A former co-holder of the NWA tag team championship with Jimmy James.

304 CHILLY WILLY

(6', 250, 4, 240) A Southeast indy star who found brief fame in ECW ... Failed to break out of the lower tier, despite some charisma and much raw potential ... Has spent most of his time in Southern Championship Wrestling ... Career intertwined with other ECW/SCW alumni such as Kid Kash and C.W. Anderson ... Nicknamed "Mr. Homeboy."

305 VITO DeNUCCI

(6'3", 240, 3, NL) Co-holder of the NWA tag team title with Chris Nelson ... He and Nelson dumped their Drunk & Disorderly gimmick for The New Heavenly Bodies ... Managed by Jimmy Del Ray ... Wrestled Taka Michinoku on WWF syndicated programming, and teamed with Nelson to battle Too Cool ... Calls himself "Vivacious Vito" ... Helping to lead NWA Florida in its bloody war with IPW Hardcore Wrestling.

306 STEVE BOZ

(5'11", 220, 9, 350) The current Windy City Pro Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Feuding with former student Willie Richardson ... Claims to be "All That" ... His signature moves include the superkick, stunner off the top rope, and Frankensteiner off the top rope ... Best known for his feud with Greg Valentine over the Windy City league title last year.

307 JIMMY RAVE

(5'10", 165, 1, NL) Grabbed the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight belt in a ladder match with Caprice Coleman ... Amazingly, Rave is only 18 years old ... Defeated J.C. Dazz this year ... Feuding with Jeff G. Bailey's stable ... His toughest opponents have been Rick Michaels and Yang ... Exhibits Sabu's brand of high-risk wrestling ... A notorious party boy.

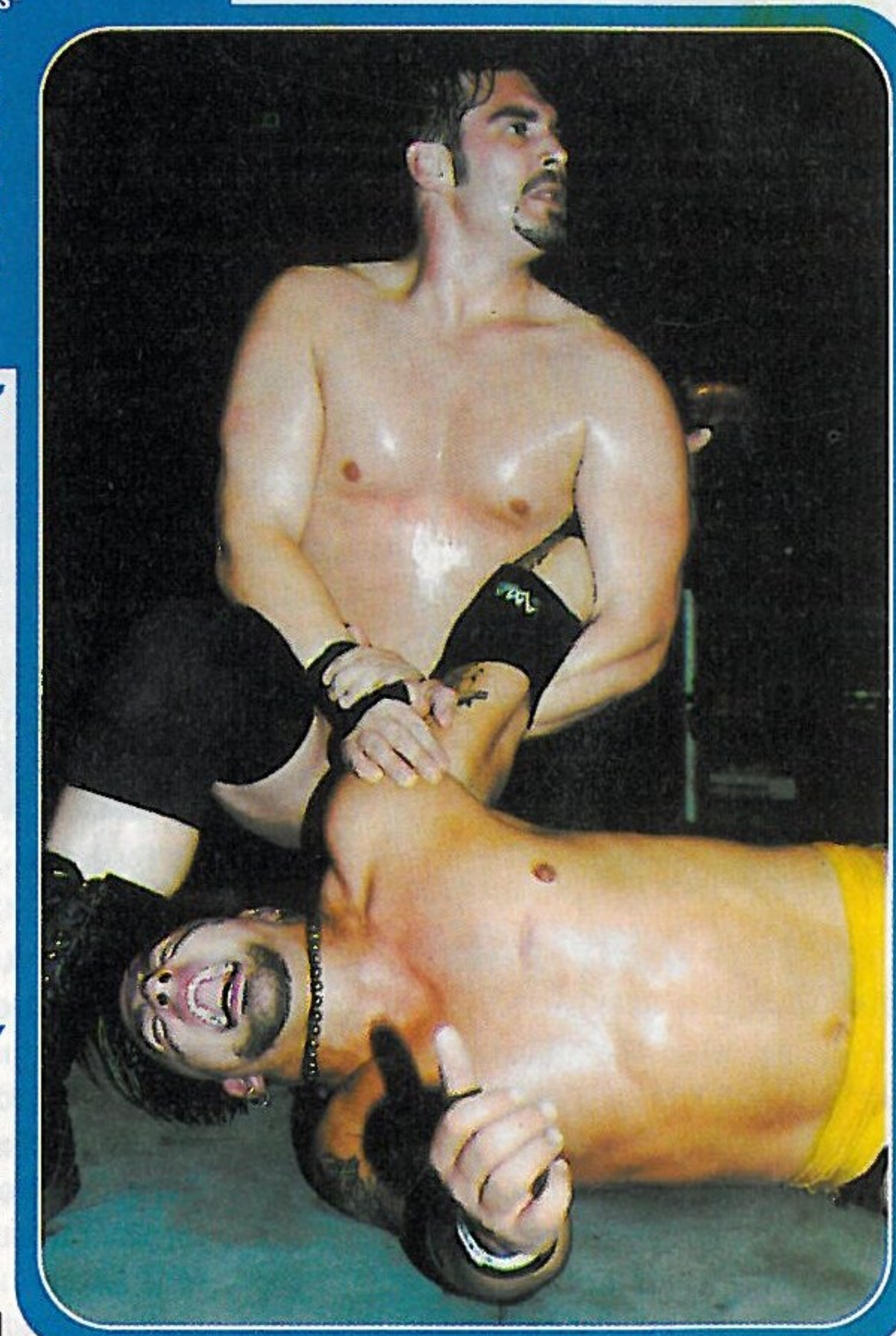
308 BRANDON K

(5'10", 202, 3, NL) Defeated Vince Kaplack for the NWA East cruiserweight title on October 6, 2000 ... Upset Nova on November 3 ... Voted most popular wrestler in NWA East and the Pittsburgh Wrestling League ... Held the NWA East cruiserweight, IWC TV, and WLW TV titles simultaneously ... Beat The Mantis for the

CWF keystone title on April 21 ... Continues his feud with brother Cory K, who stands nearly a foot taller and weighs 100 pounds more than Brandon ... Added the lionsault, 450 splash, and shooting star press to his repertoire ... His finishing maneuver is the K-driver, a version of the Michinoku driver ... Also competes in Pro Wrestling Xpress, where he first gained prominence ... Nicknamed "First Klass."

309 JOHN PHOENIX

(6'2", 196, 3, NL) A founding member of Suicidal Tendencies with Air Paris ... Phoenix and new recruit Adam Jacobs turned on Paris ... He and Jacobs captured the NWA Wildside tag team title ... His finishers are the shooting star



press and 360 splash ... Boasts wide repertoire of martial arts kicks ... Trains aspiring wrestlers, many of whom are now on the Wildside roster.

310 SCOTTIE WREN

(6'1", 275, 2, NL) Held the NWA Wildside tag team title on several occasions with J.C. Dazz ... They are known as The Boogaloo Crew ... Wren and Dazz battled WCW World tag team champions Mark Jindrak and Sean O'Haire ... The Crew defeated Three Count and Suicidal Tendencies this year ... Unsuccessfully challenged Wildside champion Stone Mountain.

311 LA. SMOOTH (6'2", 315, 15, NL) A former member of The Samoan Gangstas with his brother, Samu, and



his cousin, Matty Smalls ... Samu's decision to join Dylan Dean and Team Xtreme sparked a bloody feud between the brothers in World Xtreme Wrestling ... Smooth convinced Samu to rejoin the family's fight against Team Xtreme ... His finishing maneuver is the Samoan drop ... Has held the World Wrestling Council tag team title an amazing 13 times.

312 CODY HAWK (6'2", 200, 3, 398) Lost his partner, Anthony McMurphy, when The A-Squad ran him out of the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Sought revenge against The A-Squad and its leader Brock Guffman, who had managed Hawk while a competitive surfer ... Ran the gauntlet to defeat all three members of the Squad and forced Guffman to ride "the riptide," his finishing move ... Wants a shot at HWA champion Race Steele.

313 NAPHTALI (5'10", 165, 3, NL) A member of Wrongful Death in IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Has had good matches with Scoot Andrews and Seijin Akki ... The current CWF light heavyweight champion ... Greatest match was against Christopher Daniels on June 17 ... One of the most innovative wrestlers in Florida ... His finishing move is a triple-jump backflip dropkick ... Now that's innovative ... Teamed with Chris Charger and Havoc in the past ... Calls himself "The Messiah Of Mayhem."

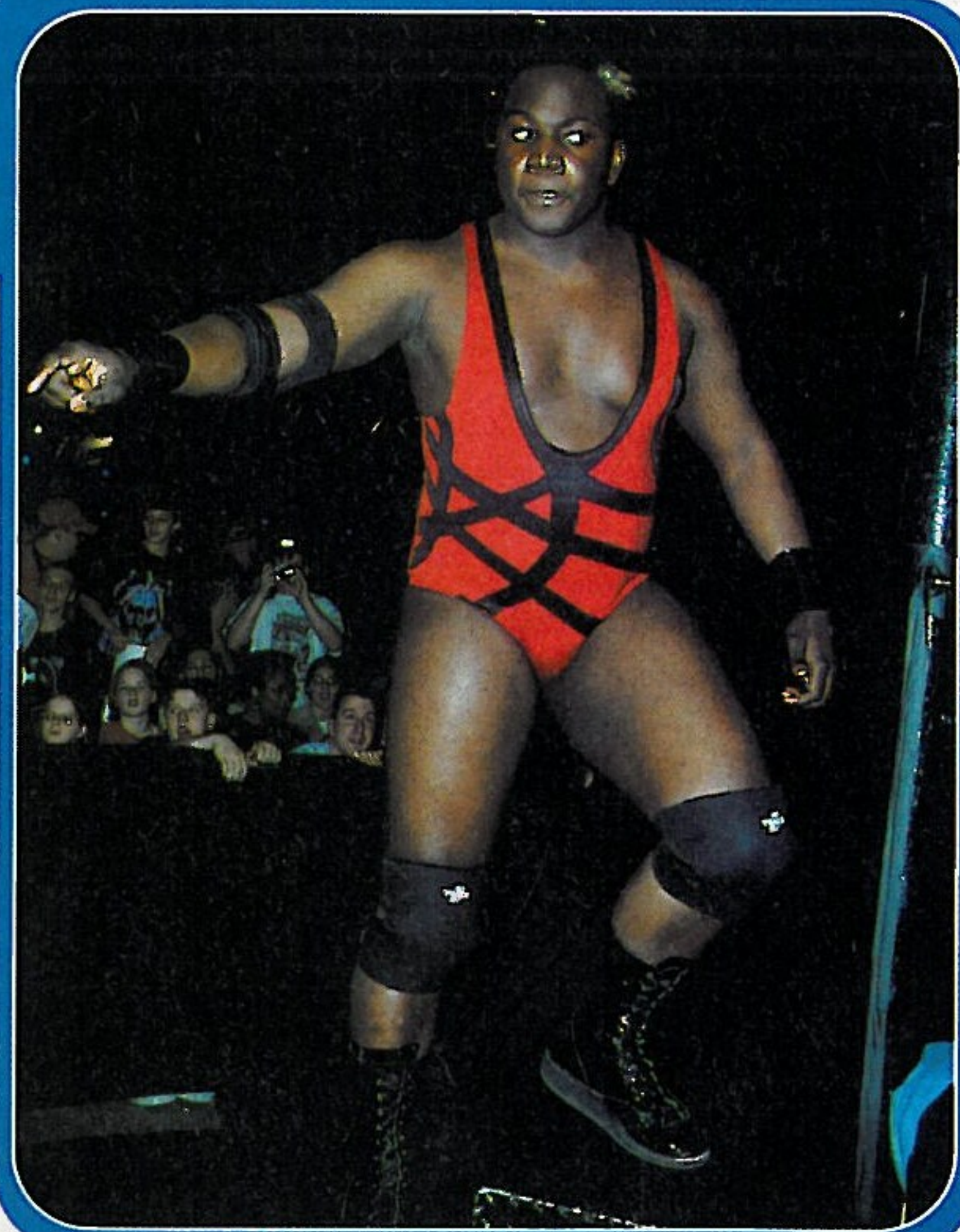
314 SAMOA JOE (6'3", 310, 2, NL) Upset Christopher Daniels for the Ultimate Pro Wrestling title ... Wrestled William Regal, Essa Rios, Tommy Dreamer, and Vic Grimes at various WWF shows ... His great power allows him to throw the biggest men in UPW ... Called "The Samoan Suplexing Machine" ... Breathing a sigh of relief since The Prototype left for Ohio Valley.

315 PRINCE NANA (5'11", 235, 5, NL) A legitimate prince in his native Ghana ... Competes in the Northeast, primarily in Ultimate Championship Wrestling ... His knife-edge chops are blistering ... Enters the ring in full regalia, including a crown ... Won the first battle royal in UPW history ... Lobb-

ying for a shot against UPW champion Low-Ki ... Has held the WAWC West African international, WUW Intercontinental, and USAPW New York State titles.

316 SCOTT BISHOP (5'10", 230, 20, 333) Competes in eastern Tennessee and southeastern Kentucky ... He and Jason Justice comprise The U.S. Marshals ... They hold the Volunteer Championship Wrestling tag team title ... Managed by Miss Liberty ... His signature moves are the guillotine legdrop and big splash ... The most popular star in VCW.

317 CAPRICE COLEMAN (5'11", 197, 1, NL) Made his debut in NWA Wildside in 2000 ... Upset Lazz for the Wildside junior heavyweight title ... Defended against J.C. Dazz and Jimmy Rave ... Known for his outrageous interviews as much as his innovative wrestling moves ... Called the "Muhammad Ali Of Wildside" ... Hails from North Carolina.



318 ROBBIE ROYCE (5'8", 210, 10, NL) Defeated Steve Corino for the NWA North American title only four days before "The King Of Old School" won the NWA title in April ... Also holds the CWF Canadian belt, which he won from Paul Diamond on March 9 ... He and Darren Dalton are known as Team Impact ... Nicknamed "Showtime" ... Resides in Toronto.

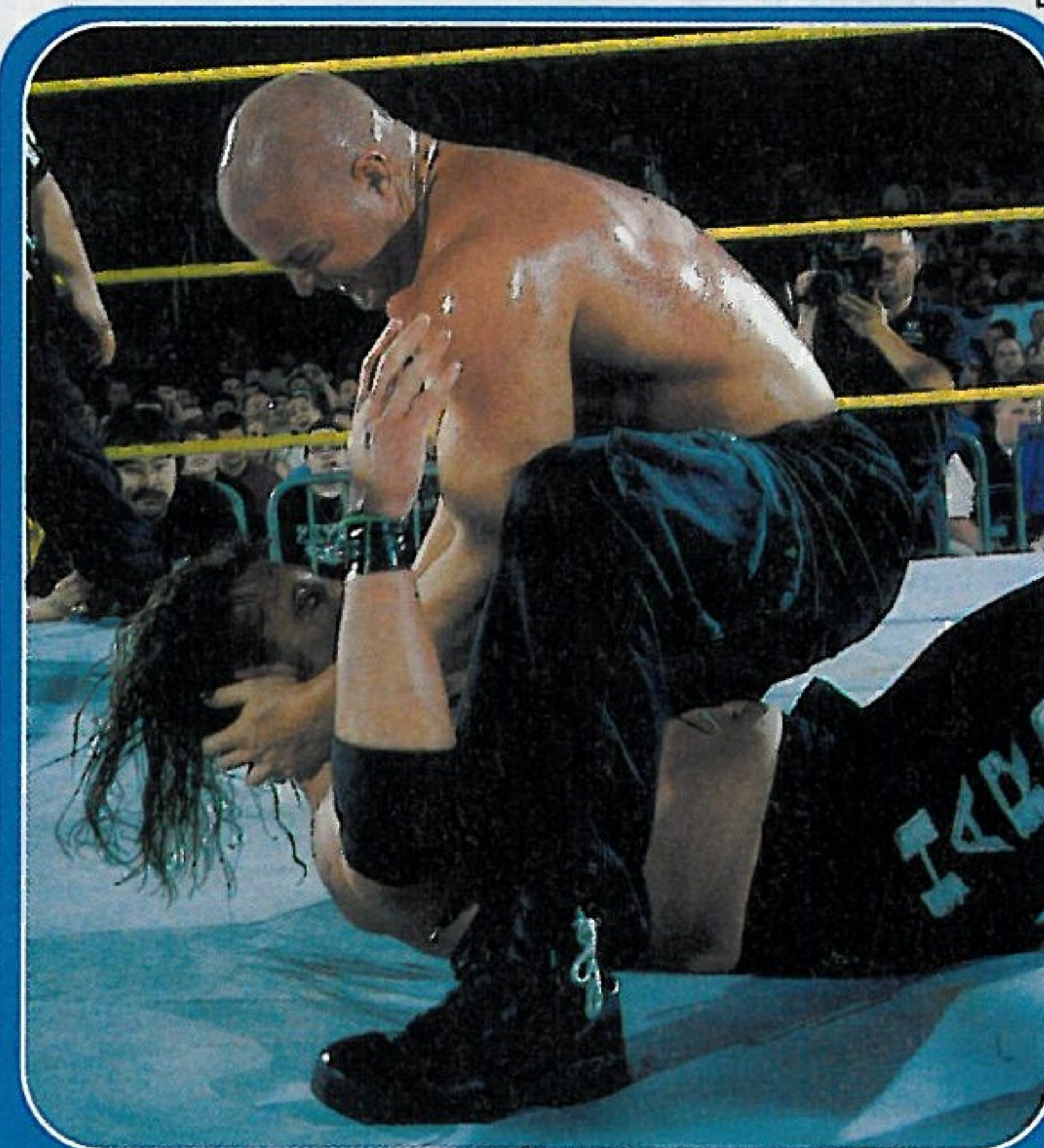
319 FRANKIE KAZARIAN (6'1", 220, 2, NL) Nicknamed "The Future" ... Trained by Killer Kowalski in Malden, Massachusetts ... Formed Evolution with Nova ... They won the Ultimate Pro Wrestling tag team title in a tournament ... Wrestled longtime rival Keiji Sakota in WWF dark matches ... A high-flyer with excellent mat skills.

320 JASON JUSTICE (6', 260, 2, NL) The current Tennessee State titleholder, as recognized by Volunteer Championship Wrestling ... He and mentor Scott Bishop comprise the newest incarnation of The U.S. Marshals ... They are the VCW tag team champions ... Managed by Miss Liberty ... The powerslam is his signature

move ... One of VCW's most popular stars ... Competes throughout eastern Tennessee and southeastern Kentucky ... Has recovered from a back injury he suffered earlier in the year.

321 PRESTON QUINN (6'2", 235, 4, NL) Became only the second man to hold the Virginia Championship Wrestling title on two occasions ... Calls himself "Simply Perfect" ... Invented the paradigm shift, which is actually three "rolling" piledrivers ... Also uses a leg-drop from the top rope as a finisher ... Probably the most arrogant wrestler in the history of VCW.

322 QENAN CREED (5'10", 205, 2, NL) Competes primarily in Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Held the Florida Wrestling Alliance tag team title with Tommy Idol two times ... Is in the midst of his second MCW cruiserweight championship run ... Recently competed in the Shamrock Cup tournament where he was pinned by Joey Matthews—the eventual winner—in the six-man elimination final ... Defeated Reckless Youth on numerous occasions ... Included in *Wrestle America Annual's* "Indy 30" listings of the top 30 prospects on the independent circuit.



323 THE DAMAJA (6'3", 240, 2, 282) This OVW Training Center graduate is a two-time former Ohio Valley Wrestling heavyweight champ ... Tends to be a loner, but he will look to Trailer Park Trash if he needs help ... Lettered in three different high school sports ... Knowledge of various styles enhances his versatility in the ring ... Has recently teamed with rival "Ironman" Rob Conway to battle The Revolution ... His speed and agility often outclass lesser opponents.

324 MATT MURPHY (6', 212, 1, NL) Turned against Trevor Rhodes in September 2000 and acquired Johnny

Gold as his manager ... Teams with Superstar Steve, another brash competitor ... They faced Kai-entai on *WWF Jakked* ... Murphy wrestled Justin Credible on *Sunday Night Heat* ... Beat Blade Boudreaux for the GPW Arkansas state title on March 3 ... Toured Japan with Pro Wrestling NOAH and competed in the GHC junior heavyweight title tournament ... His finishing moves are a corkscrew forearm off the top rope and a beel throw into a swinging DDT ... The first graduate of the Harley Race Wrestling Academy ... Claims to be "All That."

325 J.J. JOHNSTON (6'1", 230, 3, 328) Affectionately known as J.J. the Ring Crew Guy at one time ... He is loved no longer ... Viciously attacked Jeff Peterson, who is recovering from cancer, as he was being inducted into the East Coast Wrestling Association Hall of Fame ... Managed by Sebastian Night ... Spent much of the past year feuding with Cheetah Master, Glen Osbourne, and Johnny Maxx ... Lost the ECWA title to Cheetah at the promotion's largest show ever, held in Newark, Delaware ... Had some sensational matches against Steve Bradley ... Tensions are mounting between Johnston and former partner J.R. Ryder.

326 QUINN MAGNUM (6'5", 265, 5, 323) Made a surprisingly quick return after suffering a broken neck in early-2000 ... Defeated arch-enemy Col. Boomer Payne in the finals of the NWA East title tournament and has reigned as champion for more than seven months ... Held the PWL tag team title with Crusher Hansen and the CWF tag team title with Powerhouse Hughes simultaneously toward the end of last year

... Payne persuaded Hansen to turn against Magnum ... Battled Payne in a series of barbed-wire and Texas death matches to continue their three-year war ... His finishing maneuver is the .357 Magnum, a version of the blockbuster ... One of the most popular indy wrestlers in Pittsburgh history.

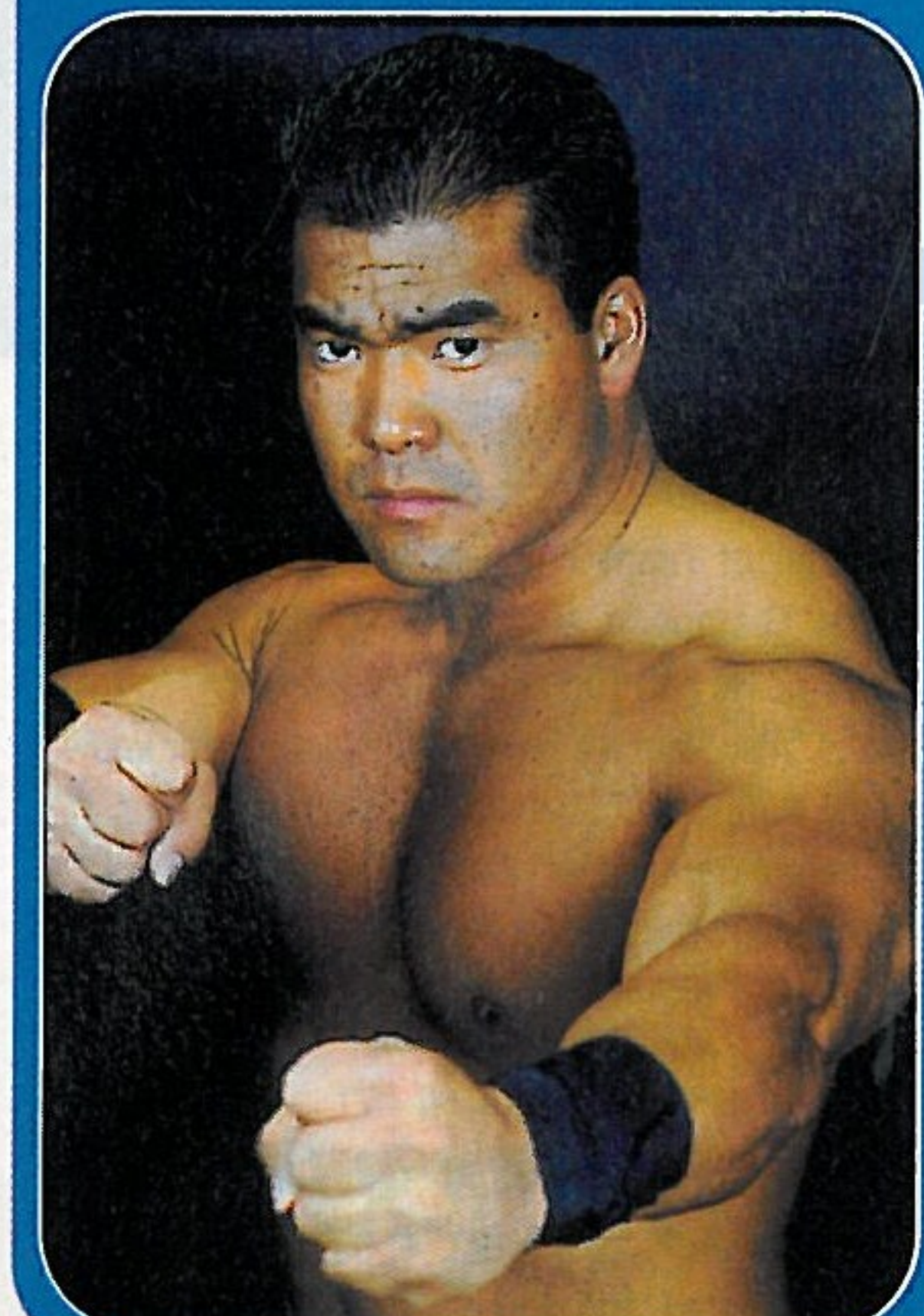
327 ICEMAN (6', 215, 7, 304) Became a fan favorite again by leaving his brother, Northern Championship Wrestling President Bertrand Hebert ... Feuded with former partner Dream Killer ... That culminated at ChallengeMania 9 when Frank Blues and Phil Belanger emerged from retirement to team with Iceman and Killer, respectively ... Wants a shot at Quebec champion Piranah ... Injuries might force this star

to step aside for younger, hungrier wrestlers.

328 ROB MCBRIDE (6', 280, 16, 324) In an amazing turnaround, McBride is cheered most places he wrestles ... "The Bull" is based in North Carolina ... Captured the PCW and WWP titles this year ... Co-holder of the NEW tag team title with Brian Hall of the rock 'n' roll band Fair Warning ... They are known as The Pimp Daddies ... Their top contenders are Slick Ric and Lumbee ... Previously held the tag title with L.A. Wild One ... Vowing revenge after Wild One burned his eyes ... Rivals include Rick Morton, Jimmy Valiant, Corey Edsel, C.K. King, Joe Storm, and Kurt Solo ... Managed by his lovely wife, Persuasion.

329 RICK DEEZEL (6'2", 215, 13, 321) Named director of the 13 affiliates of the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation ... Inspired hatred by making sure his cronies kept the major championships ... Competes primarily in the Mid-Atlantic ... Has held the AIWF heavyweight and tag team titles four times each ... Also a former AIWF light heavyweight and U.S. champ.

330 KEIJI SAKOTA (6', 240, 2, NL) Moved from Japan to Southern California to further his career ... Originally recruited by Big Schwag to enforce for The Schwag Army ... Mixes technical grappling with power moves ... Battled longtime rival Frankie Kazarian in WWF dark matches ... Wrestled Chavo Guerrero Jr. and Roadkill during the past year ... Cheats by using green mist when not able to deliver the roaring elbow.



331 JOHNNY KASHMERE (6', 192, 3, 397) Best known for his partnership with Trent Acid ... They were known as The Backseat Boyz and managed by "Big '80s" Donnie B ... Kashmere had a falling out with Acid and the two have engaged in an intense feud ... Competes primarily in New Jersey ... Has become a favorite in Combat Zone Wrestling, where he has held the tag team title with Acid ... The exploder suplex, the reverse somersault senton, and the "one-hit wonder" are among his signature maneuvers ... Toured with Big Japan in the past.

332 BIGGIE BIGGS (6'4", 297, 5, NL) His remarkable reign as the Independent Wrestling Federation American champion has lasted for more than a year ... Competes mostly in the Northeast ... Challenged for the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation TV title ... The Bigg bang is his finisher ... Serves as a trainer at Camp IWF in West Paterson, New Jersey.

333 T. RANTULA (6'6", 305, 11, 327) The current Far North champion ... Specializes in brawling and hardcore styles ... Best known in his hometown of Pittsburgh, but also competes in Ohio and West Virginia ... Has toured Canada and South Africa ... Managed by The Black Widow ... Defeated Cactus Jack for his first of four Steel City titles.

334 MR. OOH LA LA (5'10", 230, 13, 338) This bumbling Frenchman remains one of the most hated stars in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... He formed Foreign Power with The Persian Prince and The Japanese Pool Boy ... His most celebrated matches have been against equally bizarre personalities such as George Steele and Gillberg ... His scaffold match against J.J. Johnston was also memorable ... Still trying to forget his humiliating losses to Fabulous Moolah and Mae Young ... Serves as a mentor to the woefully misguided "Fabulous" Mozart Fontaine.

335 DRAKE DAWSON (6', 250, 8, NL) Best known as a member of Team Triple-X, which also included Curtis Thompson, Redneck Taz, and Strawberry Fields ... He and Thompson held the NWA tag team title ... Also held the NWA Mid-Atlantic, later known as the Northern Continental, tag team championship ... Feuded with J.W. Boss and L.A. Stevens ... Nicknamed "Dirty D" ... Team Triple-X is no longer a tight-knit group, but the members still consider themselves friends and allies.

336 DEAN CHAMPION (5'9", 193, 4, 337) "The Kung Fu Kid" defeated Jon Ryan, John Ritchie, Danny

Garnell, Andy Gibson, and Kurrupt during the past year ... Competes in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Engaged in a four-year war with the McMillans, who resent Champion's claim to Essex as his home territory ... Beat NWA Wildside's Ashley Hudson in the Transatlantic Wrestling Challenge ... He and Dave Sherman feuded with Jon Ryan and Mike White until both were sidelined with injuries ... Accompanied by Tasha ... His favorite moves are the kung fu drop (a reverse DDT), frog splash, and spinning wheel kick from the top turnbuckle to the arena floor ... Expected to battle returning veteran Tyrone Archer in the near future.

337 DUSTY WOLFE (5'11", 230, 19, NL) Spent most of the past year in south Texas competing in Pro Wrestling International ... Engaged in a series of hardcore matches with Scott Summers ... Held the PWI



International and U.S. titles ... Toured England for six weeks ... Wrestled in Mexico for the now-defunct Global All-Stars promotion ... Participated in several ICW shows, which took him to military bases nationwide ... Former WWF preliminary wrestler.

338 CURTIS THOMPSON (6'3", 255, 12, NL) Nicknamed "Tuff T" ... Captured the NWA tag team title with Drake Dawson ... They also held the Mid-Atlantic, later known as the Northern Continental, tag team championship ... Thompson, Drake, Redneck Taz, and Strawberry Fields once comprised Team Triple-X ... The group was a major force in NWA Mid-

Atlantic, NWA Wildside, and other Southern indies ... Primary rivals are J.W. Boss and L.A. Stevens ... Team Triple-X is no longer tight-knit, but all members remain friends and allies ... First gained prominence in South Atlantic Pro Wrestling.



339 RICKY HARRISON (6'2", 230, 13, 355) The current Southern States Wrestling champion ... Turned against rival-turned-friend Beau James in a loser-leaves-town cage match ... Dropped his "Rock 'n' Roll" nickname and mocks James by claiming to be the true "King Of Kingsport, Tennessee" ... A member of Scotty Ace's Full House ... Now uses the clawhold as his finisher to enhance his more aggressive image ... It didn't take long for fans to hate him, despite his popularity for many years.

340 TY STREET (5'10", 225, 3, 335) Competes primarily in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Finally broke away from two years of mismanagement by Barry Casino ... Gained retribution against Kevin Kelly in a "Prince Of Darkness" match at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark, Delaware, which saw both competitors blindfolded for the bout ... Kelly had blinded him with a fireball months before ... Has wrestled against The Haas Brothers, Simon Diamond, Patch, and Glen Osbourne ... Also competes in the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation, Liberty All-Star Wrestling, and the Eastern Wrestling Federation.

341 RICO CASANOVA (6', 220, 9, 377) Holds the FLPW International and SCW hardcore championships ... Reigned as Southern Wrestling Alliance Intercoastal champ while holding those other titles in early-2001 ... Toured Puerto Rico twice, with the IWA in August and the WWC in April ... Teams with Gino Latino and The Bug ... Competes primarily in Florida ... Feuded with Halo 13 ... Introduced the Casanovator, a fisherman suplex turned into a brain-buster ... Appeared on *Jerry Springer* in March.

342 LORD ZOLTAN (6', 222, 26, 306) The Pittsburgh mainstay now competes in Far North Wrestling ... Accepts bookings throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio ... Originated Western Pennsylvania School's "Deaf Wrestlefest" show, which marked its eighth annual event this year ... Occasionally managed by Drew Lazario ... Still in a long-running feud with Doink the Clown ... Perhaps Doink is jealous because Zoltan was one of the first wrestlers to paint his face in the late-1970s.

343 SKULL GANZ (6'1", 270, 6, 346) Has feuded with J.T. Lightning since the end of 2000, and both have two clean pinfalls apiece ... Lightning repeatedly harassed Ganz' valet, Jade Jager ... Responded to the problem with repeated chair shots to Lightning's head ... Jager appeared as one of the industry's top 100 beauties in *PWI's Women Of Wrestling* issue ... Ganz and Lightning are now vying for the title of Xtreme Intense Championship Wrestling's best submission wrestler ... Competes in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Canada ... The power bomb and power cutter are his signature maneuvers ... A former NWA Michigan State champion.



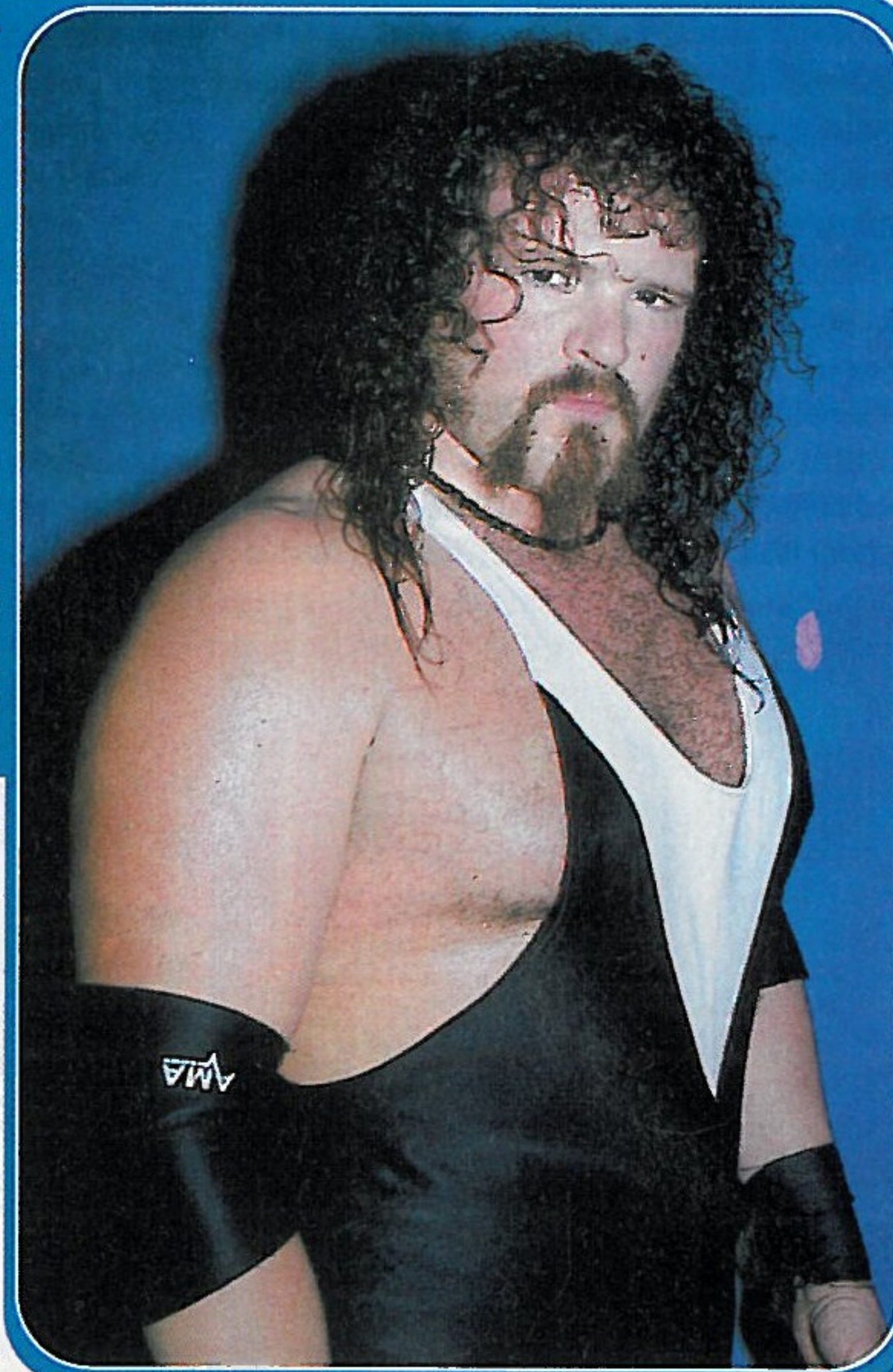
344 RICK FULLER (6'2", 260, 7, NL) Ended Gino Martino's seven-month reign as Chaotic Wrestling champion ... Competes throughout the Northeast ... Went to the East Coast Wrestling Association and became a henchman in Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance ... Battling fellow big man Glen Osbourne ... Claims to have helped to drive Cheetah Master to an early retirement ... Wants a shot at ECWA champion Scoot Andrews ... Spent his formative years as a WCW preliminary wrestler.

345 ACE DARING (6', 230, 9, 235) This independent veteran still competes mostly in the New Jersey area promotions ... Has competed for the WWF and WCW throughout his career and holds victories over some of the top names in wrestling ... Has held many singles and tag team titles during his career.

346 LAZZ (5'8", 187, 2, NL) Dances to Britney Spears' "Oops, I Did It Again" during his ring entrance ... Like Britney, wears dresses, skirts, and blouses ... Never seen with Justin Timberlake ... Even his finishing move is called the Britney spear ... Also wears face paint ... A former NWA Wildside junior heavyweight champ ... Has defeated Mike Sanders, Onyx, Caprice Coleman, A.J. Styles, and Gemini (Dango Wynn).

347 BART SAWYER (5'10", 220, 13, 342) Based in NWA Nashville, but competes throughout the United States ... Calls himself "Smart" Bart ... Yet to respond to the challenge of Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling's Michelle Starr ... Has held the NWA Georgia State, Louisiana State, and Pacific titles ... He and Chris Michaels were NWA North American tag team champs ... His favorite hold is the high-land sleeper, a tribute to his long-time friend Roddy Piper ... Had parts in two of Piper's films, *Marked Man* and *Sea Of Fire* ... Won the NWA Pacific Northwest title early in his career ... Originally trained by former NWA President Bob Geigel.

348 NATHAN JONES (6'10", 330, 2, NL) This physical wonder towers over everyone else in Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Boasts a finely chis-



eled physique to complement his sheer size ... A member of The Ultimate Army ... His finisher is the choke-slam ... He and fellow Ultimate Army member Jon Heidenreich signed WWF developmental deals ... Won the World's Strongest Man competition in 1995 and '96.

349 RORY FOX (5'9", 190, 2, NL) Calls himself "MTV Superstar" because his debut was featured in the network's documentary *True Life: I Am A Pro Wrestler* ... Doesn't mention that he actually lost the match to G.Q. Masters III, hardly an Olympian ... Felt the Heartland Wrestling Association didn't appreciate his superstar status ... Dropped a loser-leaves-town match to Shark Boy in January ... Insists his attorneys are searching for loopholes so he can return.

350 MOONDOG MOLSONN (6'4", 320, 7, NL) Captured the World Xtreme Wrestling title in early-2000 and became the most dominant champion in the promotion's history ... Joined Moondog Wenzel later in the year to form one of the most dominant teams on the East Coast ... His finishing move is the Molsonnsault ... Has held tag team titles in Jersey Championship Wrestling, International Superstars of Professional Wrestling, and East Coast Pro Wrestling.

351 DR. LUTHER (6'1", 250, 14, NL) The current North American Wrestling and NWA Pacific Northwest champion ... Feuded with almost everyone in Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling and NWA Pacific Northwest, especially Michelle Starr and Juggernaut ... Battled Steve Corino and Christopher Daniels during their tours of those promotions ... Wrestled Mike Modest and Mike Matrixx in NAW ... Wrestled in matches for the WWF, WCW, SPW, APW, IWA, and Onita Pro ... Has held the Branko universal and All African titles in South Africa ... The best man at Chris Jericho's wedding.

352 BOOM BOOM COMINI (5'8", 330, 6, 405) Hopes his newly acquired manager, Buddy Cotello Esq., will lead him to even greater success in All Pro Wrestling ... Now calls himself Sheik Ali Boom Boom ... Holds the record for number of suspensions in APW ... Compensates for lack of speed with size and strength ... Teams with Super Destroyer 2000 ... His finishing hold is the Comini clutch ... A former All Pro universal and tag team champ.



353 DYLAN NIGHT (5'11", 228, 2, 402) "High Profile" upset Steve Corino for the Pennsylvania Wrestling

Federation title on March 15—this only a month before Corino won the NWA title ... Defended the belt against The Sandman, The Blue Boy, and Reckless Youth ... Too cocky for a 20-year-old ... Feuding with Rapid Fire Maldonado ... Managed by the cunning Candi.

354 STONE MOUNTAIN (6'9", 350, 2, NL) This giant competitor enjoyed an amazing 14-month reign as NWA Wildside champion ... Also held the National title during that time, which he won from Kevin Northcutt in Athens, Georgia ... Lost the Wildside belt to Prince Justice in May ... Wrestled throughout the NWA, including Florida, Tennessee, and Mississippi ... Competed on WWF and WCW shows ... It's no surprise this big man is from Stone Mountain, Georgia, home of Jerry Blackwell.

355 SCOTT D'AMORE (5'11", 247, 9, 290) The cornerstone of Ontario's Border City Wrestling ... Leader of The Syndicate ... The former football player is no longer the darling of Border City fans ... Became the commissioner of Border City and constantly assists his group ... Had a falling-out with Rhyno, who split with The Syndicate just before going to the WWF ... A former Can-Am champion.

356 HARDKORE KIDD (6'6", 242, 2, NL) Formed Hardcore Inc. with Adam Pearce in Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Managed by El Jefe ... Under a WWF developmental contract ... Wrestled in dark matches against Christopher Daniels and The Prototype ... Challenged Sabu for the Xtreme Pro Wrestling title in Antioch, California ... His lanky frame gives him tremendous height and reach advantages ... Utilizes elements of Lucha Libre in his offense.

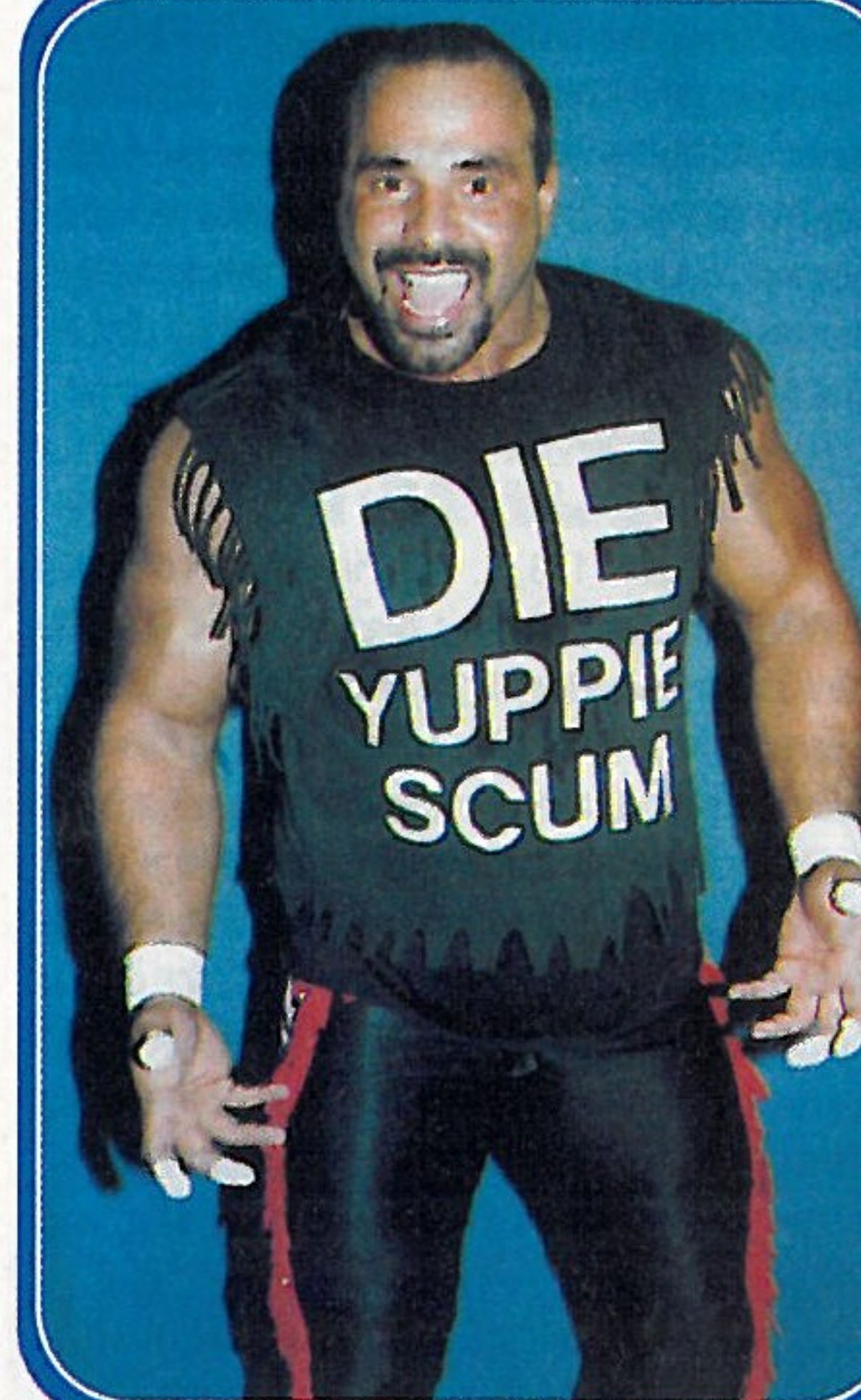
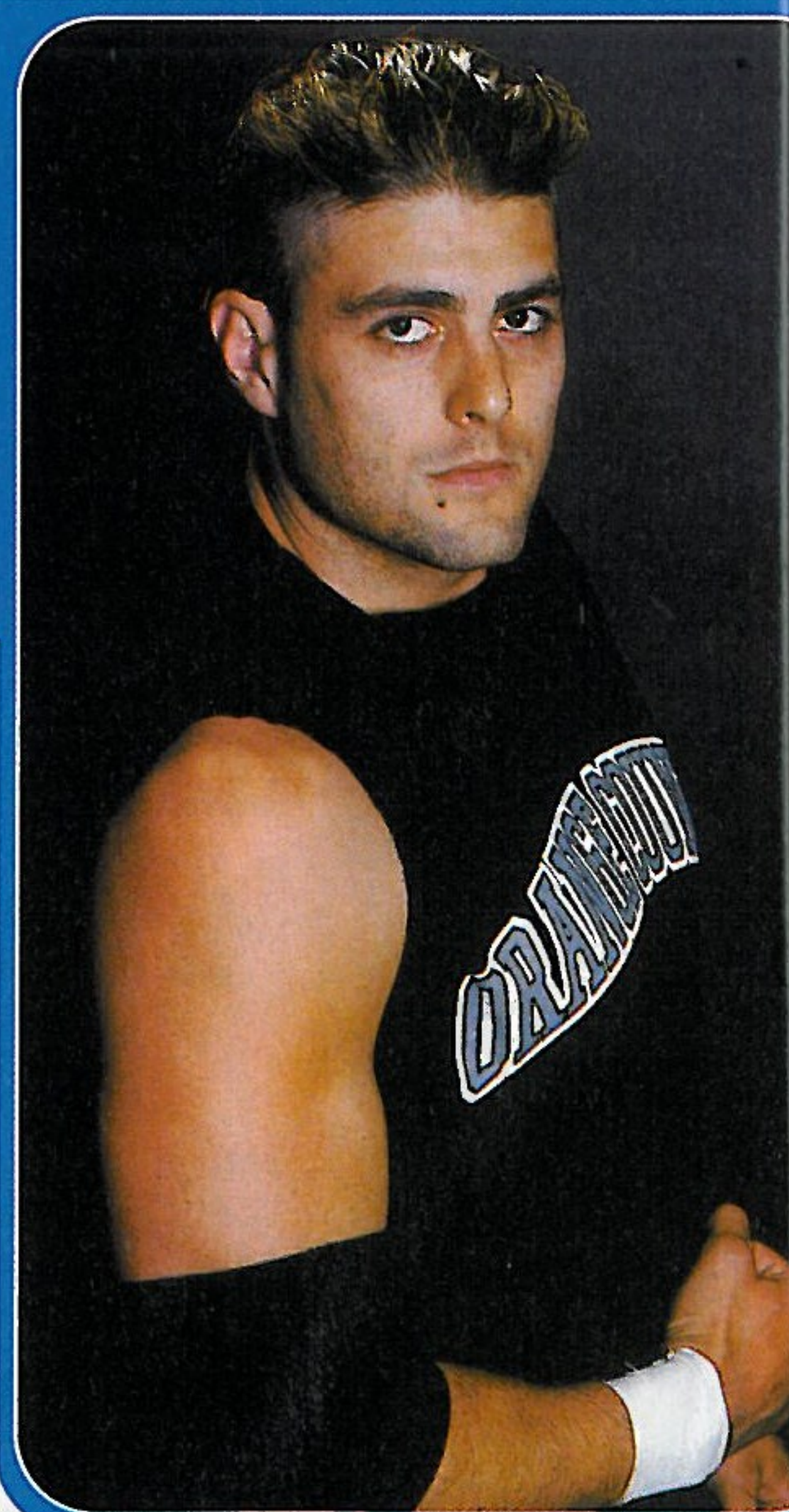
357 JAYCEE NORTH (6', 220, 2, NL) Based in Unified Championship Wrestling ... A member of The Leading Edge, along with Calvin Rhoades and Montgomery Warbucks ... Managed by UCW women's champion Charity ... Teams with Joe Kane on occasion ... Feuding with Blade Boudreaux and Chad Cheetum ... Battled Tommy Martinelli in Deep South Wrestling ... Also competes in the International Pro Wrestling Alliance ... Considers Christopher Carmichael his mentor.

358 RAPID FIRE MALDONADO (6'2", 230, 2, NL) Wrestled his mentor, Steve Corino, this year ...

Also battled Mikey Whipwreck, Jack Victory, C.W. Anderson, and Little Guido Maritato ... Challenging Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation champion Dylan Night ... Idolized Carlos Colon while growing up in Isle Verde, Puerto Rico ... Managed by Allison Danger.

359 VINNIE CAPELLI (5'10", 220, 3, NL) Returned to NWA New England after a two-year hiatus ... Feuded with Tony Roma ... Suffered torn rotator cuffs and ripped cartilage during a KOD attack ... Required reconstructive surgery and a four-month recovery ... The still-sore Capelli was named NWA New England commissioner ... Defeated KOD member Damien Darksides upon his full-time return ... From the south side of Medford, Massachusetts.

360 SEVEN (6'3", 265, 2, NL) Former Ohio Valley Wrestling star moved to Memphis Championship Wrestling in September 2000 ... Had a strong run as the MCW hardcore champion until June when Mean Street Posse member Joey Abs beat him for the title ... Has a strange, dark look ... Split a series of matches with American Dragon ... Captured the MCW Southern heavyweight title by beating Steve Bradley in July.



361 2-DOPE (5'11", 215, 3, 370) He and Sydeswype are known as The Ghetto Mafia ... They are two-time Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team champions ... The Mafia also competes in the IPWA, ATCW, and the FWA ... Their greatest victory ever was a successful MCW tag team title defense against The Hardy Boyz ... They have also defeated Joey Matthews and Christian York, as well as Danny Doring and Roadkill.

362 BARRY HOROWITZ (6', 221, 21, NL) Now calls himself "Mr. Technical" ... Competes primarily in Florida, but occasionally make trips for special events ... Originally trained by Boris Malenko ... Considers his greatest victory to be over Skip (Chris Candido) at SummerSlam '95 ... Best known for his glorious losing streak ... Has competed extensively in the WWF and WCW ... First gained prominence when, as Jack Hart, he captured the NWA Florida State title in a 1985 tournament.

363 BULL SCHMITT (6'7", 260, 3, NL) Competes throughout the South, Midwest, and West ... The current Global Pro Wrestling champion ... The top contender to Butch Reed's World League Wrestling title ... Teams with Wade Chism and Trevor Rhodes in WLW ... Feuding with manager Johnny Gold and The Gold Exchange ... The Schmitt bomb is his finishing maneuver ... Wrestled in WWF dark matches ... A former Oklahoma Pro champion.

364 RONNIE VEGAS (6'2", 262, 20, 367) Co-holder of the Hoosier Pro Wrestling tag team title with Austin James ... Vegas, James, and Ox Harley are trying to take over Hoosier Pro at the expense of promoter Jerry Wilson ... Must go through perennial rival Bobo Brazil Jr. to do it ... Nicknamed "Diceman" ... A two-time former Hoosier Pro heavyweight champion.

365 MOONDOG WENZEL (6'4", 260, 2, NL) He and Moondog Molson comprise Moondogs 2000 ... That's an appropriate name because they held tag team titles in three promotions simultaneously during 2000-01 ... World Xtreme Wrestling is his home promotion ... His finishing moves are the mult drop, a twisting sit-down slam, and the milk bone, a chokeslam turned facebuster ... Has held the East Coast Pro heavyweight and WXW hardcore belts.

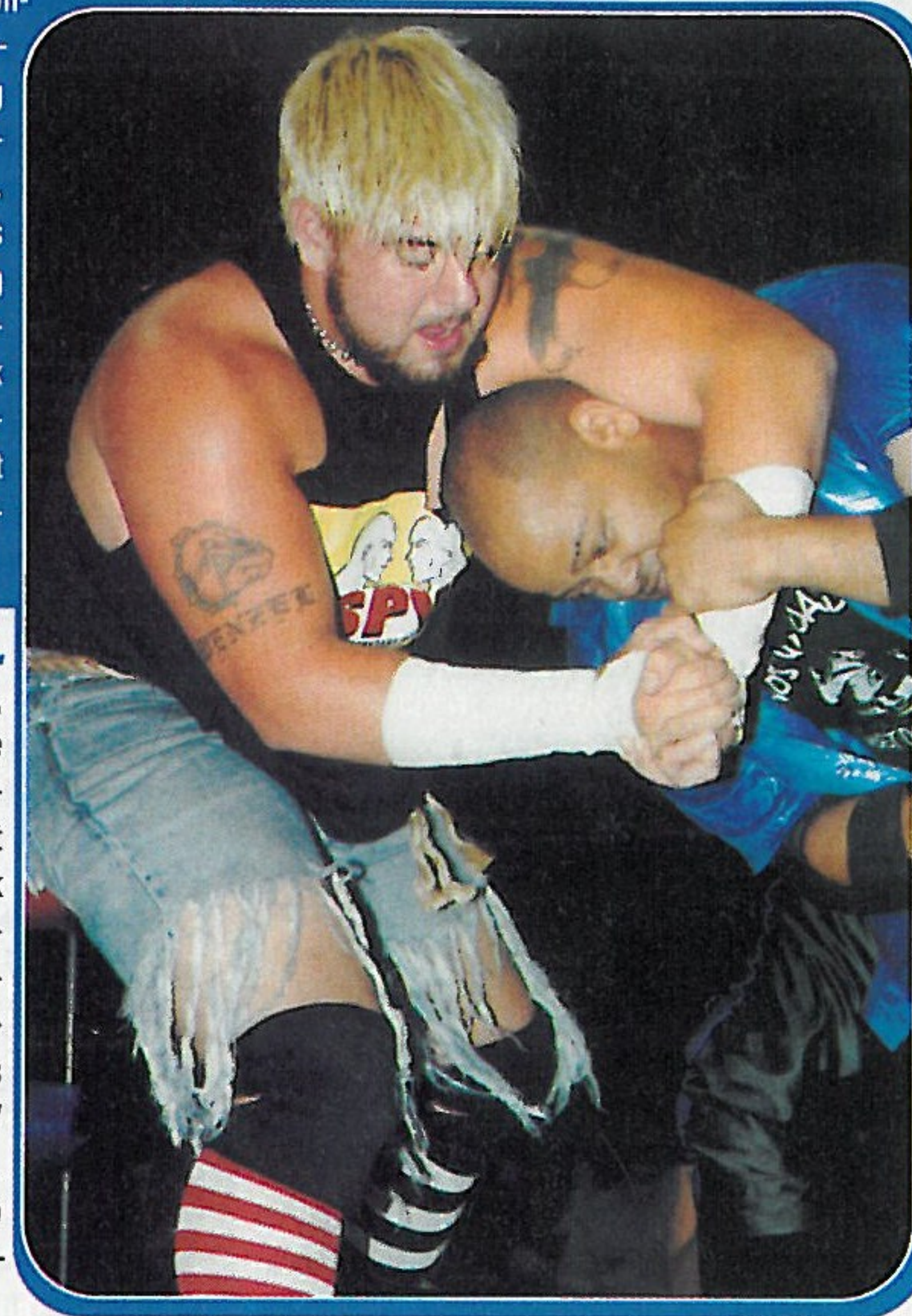
366 AFA JR. (5'11", 245, 2, NL) Battled Low-Ki in what some considered World Xtreme Wrestling's match of the year in August 2000 ... Feuding with Shane Black over the WXW TV title ... The five-star frog splash and the Rock bottom are his finishing moves. Nicknamed "Samoan Storm" ... Has held every championship in WXW except the heavyweight title ... Held the Jersey Championship Wrestling TV belt ... Won his debut match in Vienna, Austria.

367 MENTALLO (5'9", 172, 4, NL) Based in Manitoba's Top Rope Championship Wrestling ... Voted Top Rope's Wrestler of the Year ... The busiest wrestler in Western Canada ... Also competed in Grand Prix Wrestling, Cutting Edge Wrestling, No Holds Barred, and several other promotions ... Wrestled Johnny Devine, Chi Chi Cruz, and former NWA junior heavyweight champ Tony Kozina ... Feuded with Kenny Omega over the Canadian unified junior heavyweight championship, a title he has held six times since 1998 ... Teams with Johnny Malibu ... A former NWA Canadian junior heavyweight champion.

368 SYDESWYPE (6', 221, 3, 380) Much more successful as a tag team wrestler than as a singles competitor ... He and 2-Dope comprise The Ghetto Mafia ... They

have held the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title twice ... The Mafia has defeated world-championship caliber teams such as The Hardy Boyz and Danny Doring and Roadkill ... He has faced Yokozuna, Mikey Whipwreck, Stevie Richards, The Headbangers, and Spike Dudley during his career.

369 BAD BOY BASIL (6'2", 255, 2, NL) Winner of various toughman contests ... His brawling tactics frustrate the many high-flyers in Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Sometimes outmuscled by UPW stars with weight-



lifting backgrounds ... Formed The Definition of Pain with fellow outcast Al Katrazz ... Wrestled dark matches for the WWF ... A former UPW champion ... Demanding a shot at current champion Samoa Joe.

370 TERRY ALLEN (5'10", 217, 5, NL) The current Windy City Wrestling league champion ... Teamed with Jayson Reign to defeat Christopher Daniels and Vic Capri on September 30, 2000 ... Received Windy City's Most Popular Wrestler of the Year Award in October ... Won the inaugural Lee Sanders Memorial Cup on March 10 ... Retained the league title in a terrific 45-minute draw with Rob Van Dam on May 26 ... Teams with Stone Manson ... His finishers are the last call (a sitdown Outsider's edge) and the Allen bomb (a swanton bomb) ... Has held the Windy City lightweight and U.S. six-man championships.



a medical examiner in the upcoming film *Skins*.

374 THE BRUISER (6'2", 295, 3, 362) Betrayed by his mentor, Cpl. Punishment, who cost him the Maryland Championship Wrestling title ... Bruiser and Punishment have engaged in some of the bloodiest matches in Maryland history since that time ... Tried to regain the MCW belt from Jimmy Cicero, but was often intercepted by Total Quality Management ... Reunited with former MCW tag team championship partner Jerry Lawler to defeat The Holy Rollers.

375 CHRIS MICHAELS (5'9", 223, 12, NL) Competes primarily in the Northeast with forays into the South ... Held the NWA New York State title ... A former NWA junior heavyweight champion ... Wrestles for Northeast Wrestling, the United States Wrestling Federation, the Long Island Wrestling Federation, and U.S.A. Pro Wrestling ... Dabbled in wrestling, gymnastics, and acting in high school, which prepared him for life as a pro wrestler ... Born on Long Island, New York.

371 CHEETAH MASTER (6'1", 221, 11, 361) The most popular star in the history of the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Defeated longtime rival J.J. Johnston for the ECWA title in front of 1,471 fans at the promotion's biggest show ever, held at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark, Delaware ... The prime target of Kevin Kelly's Alliance of Defiance ... Has wrestled Essa Rios on WWF programming ... Announced his retirement following a close friend's paralysis in an auto accident, but was attacked by Prince Nana so he now has unfinished business in the promotion.

372 MARC ASH (6'1", 211, 12, 349) Retained his International Championship Wrestling title in a Russian chain match against his mentor, Ivan Koloff ... Also the current Star Pro Wrestling U.S. champion ... Defeated The Carolina Kid and Ethan Cage in a three-way match for the East Coast Pro Wrestling Intercontinental title ... Lost a ladder match final for the Carolina Championship Wrestling belt to his perennial nemesis, Viper.

373 BRUISER BENNETT (6'1", 243, 12, 351) Joined Texas' Ultra Championship Wrestling in July 2000, and has become one of the promotion's most important acquisitions ... Almost exactly a year later, captured the UCW heavyweight title in a four-way match also involving Shawn Stevens, Jon Douglas, and Gryphon ... Already holds the UCW tag team title with Stevens ... Has become known as "Old School Texas Ass Kicker" ... Probably the most dominant heavyweight champion in the history of the now-defunct Texas All-Star Wrestling promotion ... Plays

376 VINCE BOODNITE (6'3", 225, 4, 368) Formed a talented team with Johnny Maxx in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Also teamed with Thunder, Cheetah Master, Glen Osbourne, J.R. Ryder, and Benny Stoltzfus ... Has feuded with Ty Street, J.J. Johnston, and Mozart Fontaine ... Returned to his home state of Nebraska to wrestle on two independent shows ... Has also competed in WXW, PCW, and the WWF ... Originally trained by Samoan Afa.

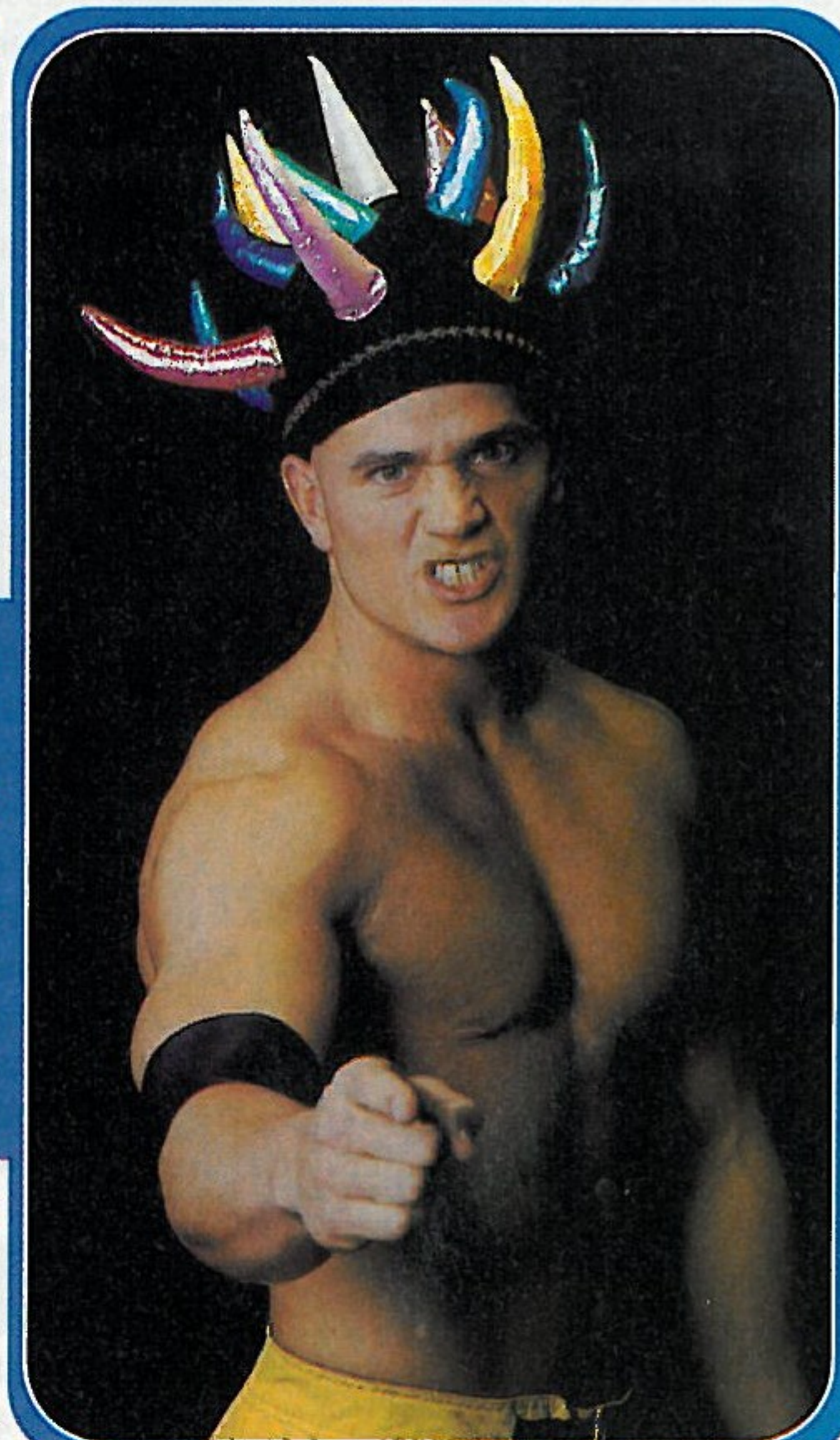
377 SMELLY (6'1", 225, 2, NL) Captured the Ultimate Pro Wrestling title on two occasions ... Abandoned manager Looney Lane ... His actions seem deranged at times ... Proud to be the most odorous person he knows ... The stink bomb is his finishing maneuver ... Occasionally teams with his brother, Mike Bell, in Hell's Bells ... Boasts the most original, albeit disgusting, gimmick in UPW.

378 MAXX JUSTICE (6'5", 302, 6, NL) Big Maxx returned to All Pro Wrestling and teamed with Dalip Singh to face Michael Modest and Donovan Morgan ... Now feuding with Singh ... His

six-year feud with Modest continues ... Resumed his successful collaboration with The Shane Dynasty, which has already led him to a record-breaking five All Pro universal titles ... Ruthless and cold-hearted ... Likes to choke-slam wrestlers and referees through tables ... Briefly appeared in *Beyond The Mat*.

379 JUDAS YOUNG (5'9", 176, 3, NL) Pinned DeVito during a WWF dark match at the Meadowlands Arena in New Jersey ... Most firmly established in Jersey Championship Wrestling, where he won the light heavyweight title and J-Cup tournament ... Suffered a severe ligament sprain and torn cartilage in his right knee that put him in a knee immobilizer for four sore months ... His finisher is the punk rock drop, a sitout pedigree ... Trained by Rocco Rock and Gino Caruso ... Lives by the creed that "Punk's not dead!"

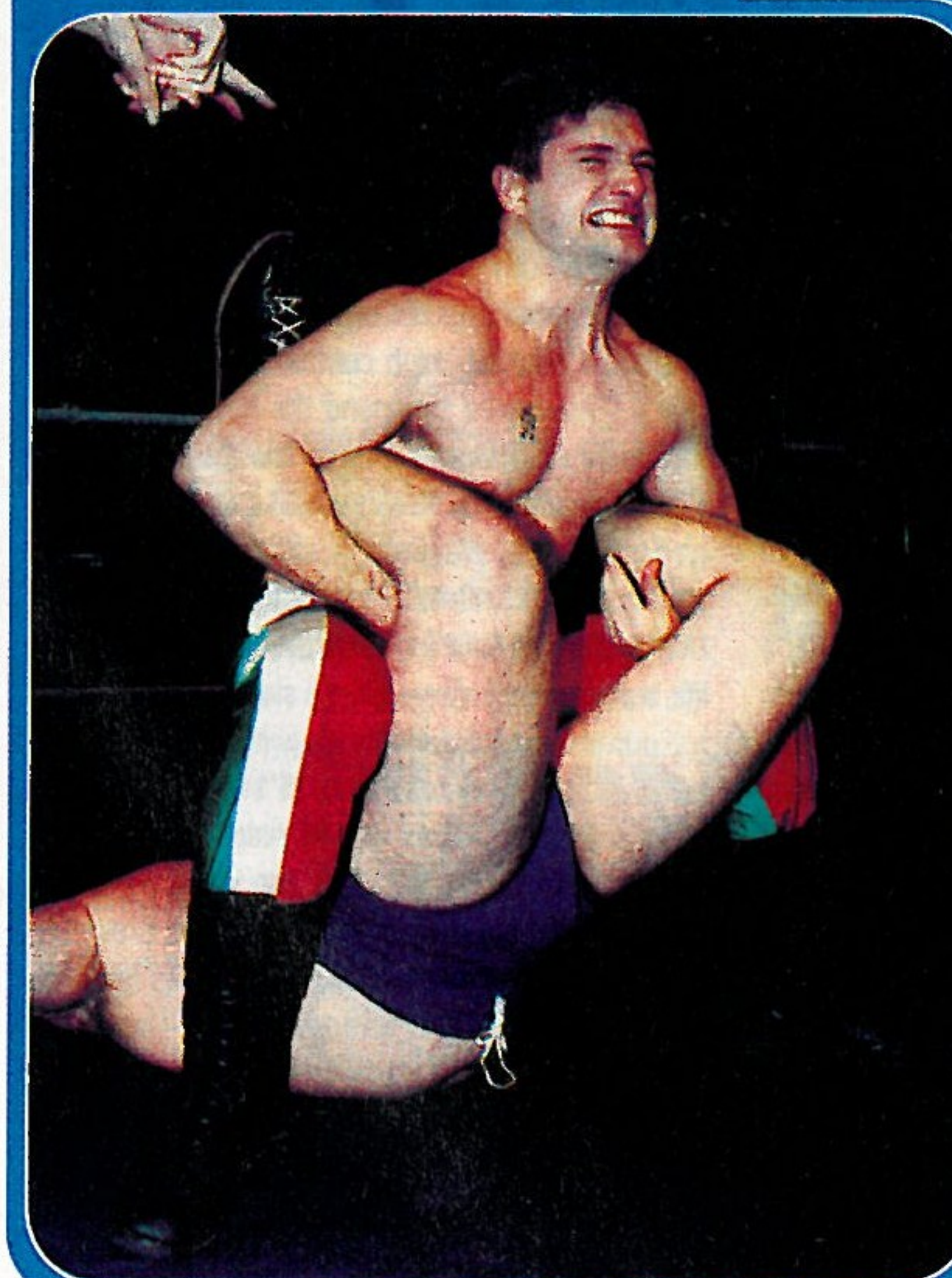
380 PIRANAH (6'3", 256, 4, 340) Reformed Access/Denied with Jackal after a bitter feud ... Northern Championship Wrestling President Bertrand Hebert prevented Piranah from challenging for the Quebec title until ChallengeMania 9 ... Beat Guy Williams and Franky the Mobster in a three-way match for the belt ... Expected to headline NCW throughout 2002 ... Also competed in Toronto's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation.



381 TROOPER GILMORE (6'1", 325, 2, NL) Formed Criminally Insane with the mentally unstable Outpatient ... They beat The Hot Boys to become the top contenders to the NWA New England tag team title ... Already seeking a shot at NWA tag team champions The New Heavenly Bodies ... Has held the NWA New England TV and brass knuckles titles ... Hails from "The Montana Ranch."

382 T.J. POWERS (6'1", 253, 19, NL) Competes in Circle City Wrestling, Hoosier Pro Wrestling, and several other promotions based in the Midwest ... Enjoyed a remarkable year in tag team competition with various partners, holding the CIW U.S., HPW, CCW, and IWF tag titles ... Calls himself "The Superstar" ... Trained by "Mr. Electricity" Steve Regal.

383 JOHN BALSAMO (5'7", 190, 2, NL) Defeated Mr. Ooh La La for his second Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling Commonwealth title on November 10, 2000, and held the belt until the promotion suspended operations on February 1 ... He and Vinnie Biondo comprise The Real Italian Paisanos ... His favorite moves are the dropkick, spinebuster, backbreaker, and various suplexes ... A three-time National Wrestling League cruiserweight champion ... Trained by Afa.



384 DINO DIVINE (6'1", 255, 2, 425) Enjoyed his most successful year yet ... Joined Jimmy Cicero's Total Quality Management ... He and Christopher Carmichael beat Joey Matthews and Christian York for the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title ... They held the belts for nearly a year ... Divine and Carmichael lost the straps to Romeo Valentino and Ronnie Zukko ... Battled Jerry Lawler, Jimmy Snuka, and King Kong Bundy during the past year.

385 HORSESHU (6'5", 285, 6, NL) Joined Ultimate Pro Wrestling after a long absence from the business ... Wrestled in WCW in the mid-1990s as a rookie ... Recruited by Big Time, UPW's dominant clique ... Teams with Tom Howard ... They want a shot at UPW tag team champions Frankie Kazarian and Nova ... Horseshu is also a threat to heavyweight champion Samoa Joe.

386 KID U.S.A. (6'1", 245, 5, NL) Defeated Larry Winters for his second United States Wrestling Federation title on October 21, 2000, in Elmira, New York ... Became the first man in the seven-year history of the USWF to hold the heavyweight and tag team titles simultaneously ... Acquired the beautiful Phoenix as his manager to help combat The Foreign Exchange and Miss Asia ... Trained by Tony Atlas and Johnny Rodz.

387 VINCE KAPLACK (5'10", 215, 3, NL) Greatest match was his NWA junior heavyweight title victory over Tony Kozina at the NWA 52nd anniversary show ... Lost the belt to Rockford 2000 ... Competes primarily in NWA East ... First gained prominence as a dominant Pro Wrestling Xpress TV champ ... An NWA star with a national reputation.

388 SHIRLEY DOE (5'10", 230, 6, NL) Returns to the "PW"

500" after a year's absence ... Escaped from the Dixmont Mental Home ... Teams with other sickos such as Devil Bhudakahn and Axle Law ... Toughest opponents are Dennis Gregory and Super Hentai ... Claims to channel the spirits of other wrestlers, past and present ... Wears bizarre makeup ... His finisher is the double-underhook DDT ... Competes in the Northeast.



389 RICH MYERS (5'10", 218, 11, 429) "Ramblin' Rich" enjoyed his most successful year as a member of Platinum Nat's new Holy Rollers ... His partner is longtime friend Earl the Pearl ... Joey Matthews and Christian York are their greatest rivals ... The Rollers regained the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title in a streetfight against The Ghetto Mafia and defending champs Romeo Valentino and Ronnie Zukko ... A preliminary wrestler for the WWF in the early-1990s.

390 JOHNNY SPADE (6'1", 215, 3, NL) Louisville, Kentucky, native walked out of Ohio Valley Wrestling late last year because OVW matchmaker Jim Cornette wasn't booking him in main events ... Eventually returned and began partnering with Sly Skrapier ... One of OVW's top light heavyweights, he uses a senton bomb as his finisher ... Handed Shelton Benjamin an upset loss in May ... As of press time was trying to collect a bounty on The Damaja and Rob Conway.

391 BOBO BRAZIL JR. (6'2", 276, 21, NL) Defeated long-time nemesis Ronnie Vegas for the Hoosier Pro Wrestling heavyweight title on September 17, 2000 ... Dropped the belt to Doug Gilbert in a tag team match on October 21, although he wasn't the participant actually pinned ... Recaptured the strap from Ox Harley on December 2 ... Aligned himself with Gilbert, Ricky Murdock, and promoter Jerry Wilson to fight the takeover efforts of Hoosier Pro tag champs Austin James and Ronnie Vegas and their crony, Ox Harley ... Carries on a tradition by teaming with Dick the Bruiser Jr. ... Also teams with Mike Winters ... A member of Full Force—along with his brother, Andy Chene, and Bobo Sr.—in the late-1980s.

392 CRUSHER HANSEN (6'1", 242, 5, 424) Aligned himself with former foe Quinn Magnum to give the upstart Pittsburgh Wrestling League the advantage in a three-way promotional war over the Steel City ... Col. Boomer Payne persuaded Hansen to turn against Magnum ... Hansen jumped to Pro Wrestling Xpress ... Welcomed Cory K into their trio ... The three men had a bloody showdown with Magnum, Dirk Ciglar, and Brandon K at an International Wrestling Cartel card ... His finisher is the official end, a reverse Outsider's edge ... Uses his referee's license to officiate some of his own matches ... Still claims Stan Hansen is a relative ... That's never popular in Pittsburgh.



393 JUGGERNAUT (6'5", 375, 3, 420) Aligned with former enemies Abbadon and NWA Pacific Northwest/ECCW champ Dr. Luther ... Feuded with Brian Bedlam in the Pacific Northwest and Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... Battled Tarzan Goto,

Leatherface, and Yoshiya Yamashita during his six tours of Japan's IWA this past year ... Toured with WWA Korea Pro Wrestling twice ... Faced headliners such as Steve Corino, Tommy Dreamer, and Christopher Daniels in North America ... Involved in a tag team match against Kronik at a *WCW Thunder* show ... Added roundhouse kicks to his repertoire ... The Fujiwara armbar is one of his most painful finishers ... A five-time former ECCW/NWA Pacific Northwest champion.

394 DARREN DALTON (6'1", 240, 3, NL) Competes in NWA Pacific Northwest and Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... He and NWA North American champion Robbie Royce comprise Team Impact ... Nicknamed "The Bomb" because of his vicious and innovative power bombs ... A two-time former NWA Canadian Wrestling Federation titleholder.

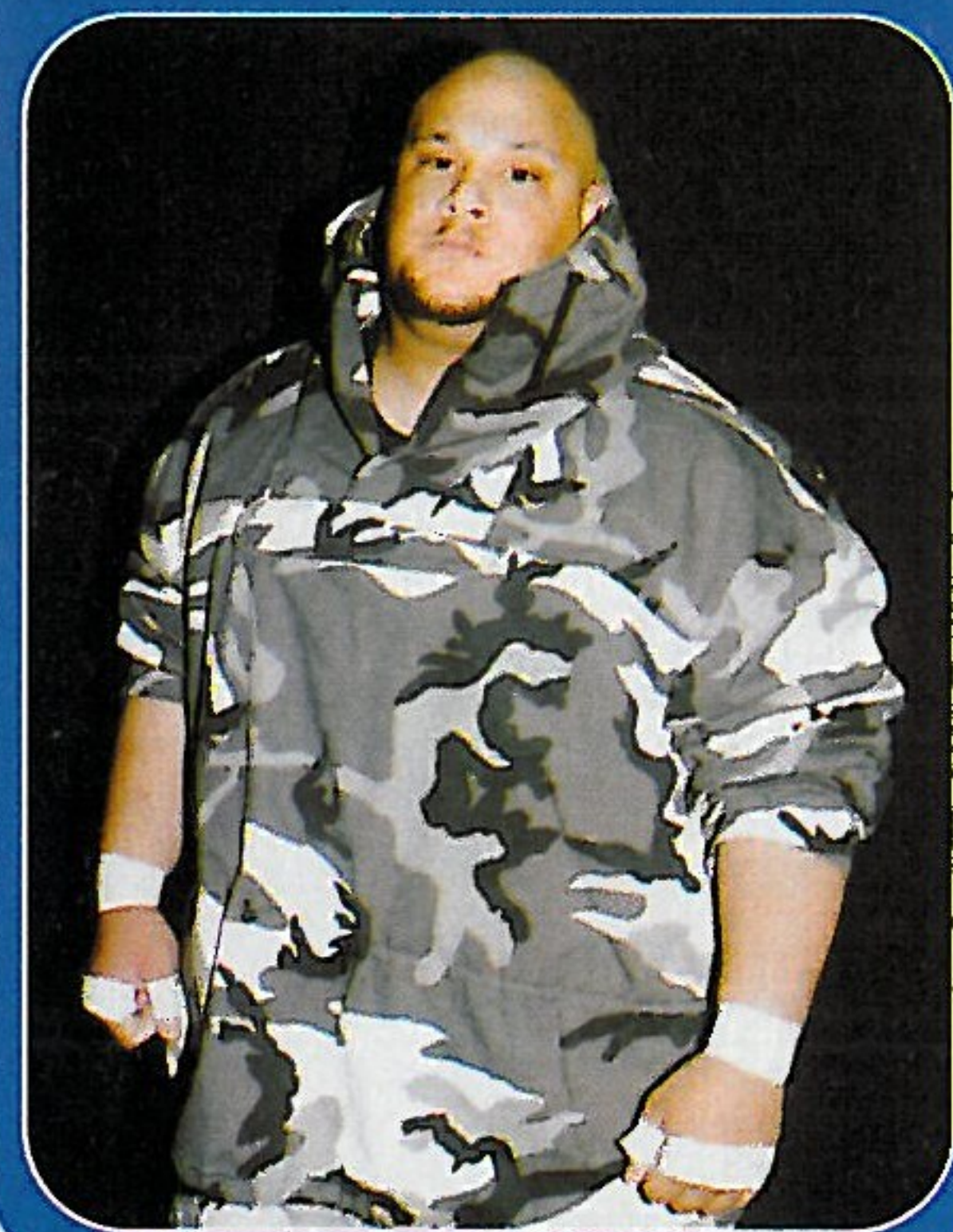
395 THE BOUNCER (6', 285, 5, NL) Stripped of the Outlaw Championship Wrestling belt after a six-month reign ... Co-holder of the North Coast Championship Wrestling tag team title with Curt Fury ... They are known as Klub Xtreme ... Rescued Abdullah the Butcher from an attack by G-Moe in NCCW ... Rivals include Chris Leary, Billy Meyers, Freebirds 2000, and Sick and Twisted ... Debuted in New World Wrestling, the American Independent Wrestling Alliance, and many other promotions ... Competes in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan ... His finishing maneuvers are a diving headbutt from the top rope and the happy hour, a fireman's carry that's turned into a Michinoku driver.

396 J-ROCC (6', 232, 2, 426) Known as "The Big Daddy Of Destruction" ... Debuted in several new promotions throughout the East, South, and Midwest ... Impressed NWA East champ Lou Marconi so much that "Beef Stew" hired J-Rocc as a bodyguard ... Became one of the most hated wrestlers in Pennsylvania ... Captured the NCCW TV title in December ... Defeated H.C. Loc for the NEPW North Coast belt in May ... Lost the belt back to Loc in a no-disqualification match ... Had impressive matches against Nova, Kid Kash, and J.C. Ice ... Now feuding with former partner 8-Pac ... His one-hitter quitter is a strong finisher.

397 CREEPING DEATH (5'11", 220, 3, NL) The current Allied Independent Wrestling Federation champion ... This popular star incurred the fans' hatred because of his alliance with AIWF Director Rick Deeze, who ensures that Death keeps the heavyweight title ... Learned new ways of cheating from Deeze to make his martial arts repertoire disgust-

ingly effective ... Competes in the Mid-Atlantic ... A former AIWF U.S. champion.

398 MONSTA MACK (5'9", 260, 2, NL) Humbled The Sandman on his home turf, the ECW Arena ... Also feuding with Homicide and Super 8 winner Low-Ki ... He and Mafia comprise Da Hit Squad ... Their primary rivals have been Charlie and Russ Haas and The Bad Crew ... The clothesline from Compton is his finisher ... Da Hit Squad has held the tag team titles of Jersey All Pro Wrestling, Jersey Championship Wrestling, and the Long Island Wrestling Federation.



399 BEAU DOUGLAS (6'2", 220, 2, NL) Lost to Jason Rumble in the New England title tournament final held at the NWA 52nd anniversary show ... NWA New England's most popular star suffered from broken ribs and a massive thigh contusion during the past year ... Attempted to defend the New England TV title despite having stitches on the inside and outside of his stomach as a result of gallstone surgery ... Feuded with Wagner Brown, Trooper Gilmore, and the KOD ... Calls himself "Back Home" Beau Douglas ... His finishing maneuver is the larger than life, a pumphandle turned into a sidewalk slam.

400 MAFIA (5'11", 275, 1, NL) Teams with Monsta Mack ... They are known as Da Hit Squad ... Top opposing teams have included the Haas brothers, The Bad Crew, Da Baldies, and Moondogs 2000 ... Has faced Super 8 winner Low-Ki, The Sandman, and Samu ... Competes in the Eastern Wrestling Federation, World Xtreme Wrestling, and other Northeast promotions ... Da Hit Squad held the JAPW, JCW, LIWF, and UWA tag team titles ... His finisher is the burning hammer.

401 ERIC PRIEST (6'3", 221, 2, NL)

The current AWA heavyweight champion ... Touts himself as "The Underwear Model" ... Quite a change since Verne Gagne ... A member of Flex Appeal in Steel Domain Wrestling ... Priest, Tony DeNucci, and "Tasty" Travis Lee co-hold the Steel Domain tag team title ... Feuding with The Black Dagger, the same man he upset in his debut, throughout SDW and NWA Midwest ... He and DeNucci are challenging AWA tag team champions The Twin Turbos ... His finishing move is the kiss of death, a reverse neckbreaker.

402 JARDI FRANTZ

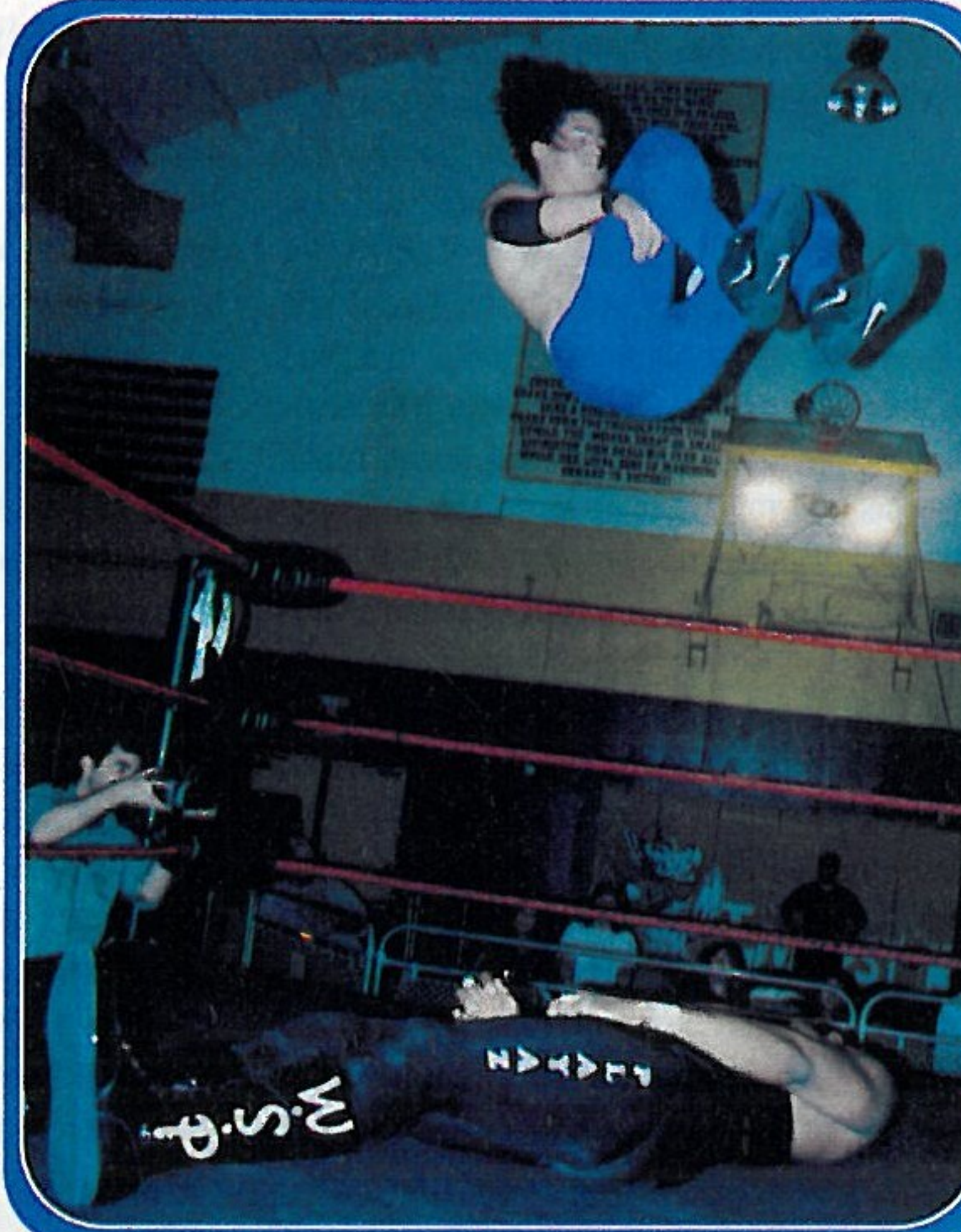
(5'9", 180, 2, NL) "Fly Daddy" is one of most popular stars in All Pro Wrestling ... Utilizes high-risk moves such as the 450 splash and the stardust splash ... Has been known to deliver a shooting star press from the top rope and to the arena floor ... Often compared to Billy Kidman, who is from Frantz' home state of Pennsylvania ... Formed The Kamikaze Kids with his brother, Miyaki ... They are feuding with The Ballard Brothers.

403 ROBBIE RAGE (5'10", 250, 2, NL) Wrestled in NWA Wildside, WCW, and New Japan ... Defeated A.J. Styles for the Wildside TV title in Athens, Georgia ... Teamed with Don Frye in New Japan, and then entered singles competition ... Hometown is Boston, Massachusetts ... Former workout partner of ex-WCW World champion Bill Goldberg ... Known for his shoot-style moves.

404 BUILLOTINE Le-GRANDE (5'10", 248, 7, NL)

Relies on technical loopholes rather than wrestling ability to retain the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation TV title ... Considered a disgrace to the PWF locker room—even by the heels ... Squeaked by Biggie Biggs, Mikey Whipwreck, and Slambo ... Hasn't displayed a finishing move because his matches don't get that far ... Gets some credit for sheer survival skills.

405 BRIAN ANTHONY (6', 210, 11, 404) Debuted in Far North Wrestling and APWF2000 last September ... Captured the APWF U.S. and Brutal Battle League titles ... The cornerstone of Chris Lash's Second Coming faction ... Attended several workouts in ECW before the company ceased operations ...



Wrestled in WWF dark matches ... Best known in Pennsylvania ... Accompanied by Lelani ... Sometimes referred to as Swinger 2 because of his close resemblance to Johnny Swinger ... Nicknamed "Bad Boy" ... Trained by Dominic DeNucci.

406 ADAM BOOKER (6'4", 275, 1, NL)

Captured the SCCW title on June 29 ... Feuded with Don Juan de Santo and Johnny Angel ... He and Aaron Morrison formed The Shooters ... They battled The Damned throughout during the past year ... Greatest matches were against Jamie Knoble and former ECW champ Jerry Lynn ... His signature moves include the split-legged Bookersault, the Booker stretch, and the A-bomb (a version of the frog splash) ... Jimmy Valiant is his mentor.

407 PAUL VAULT (5'11", 220, 3, 452)

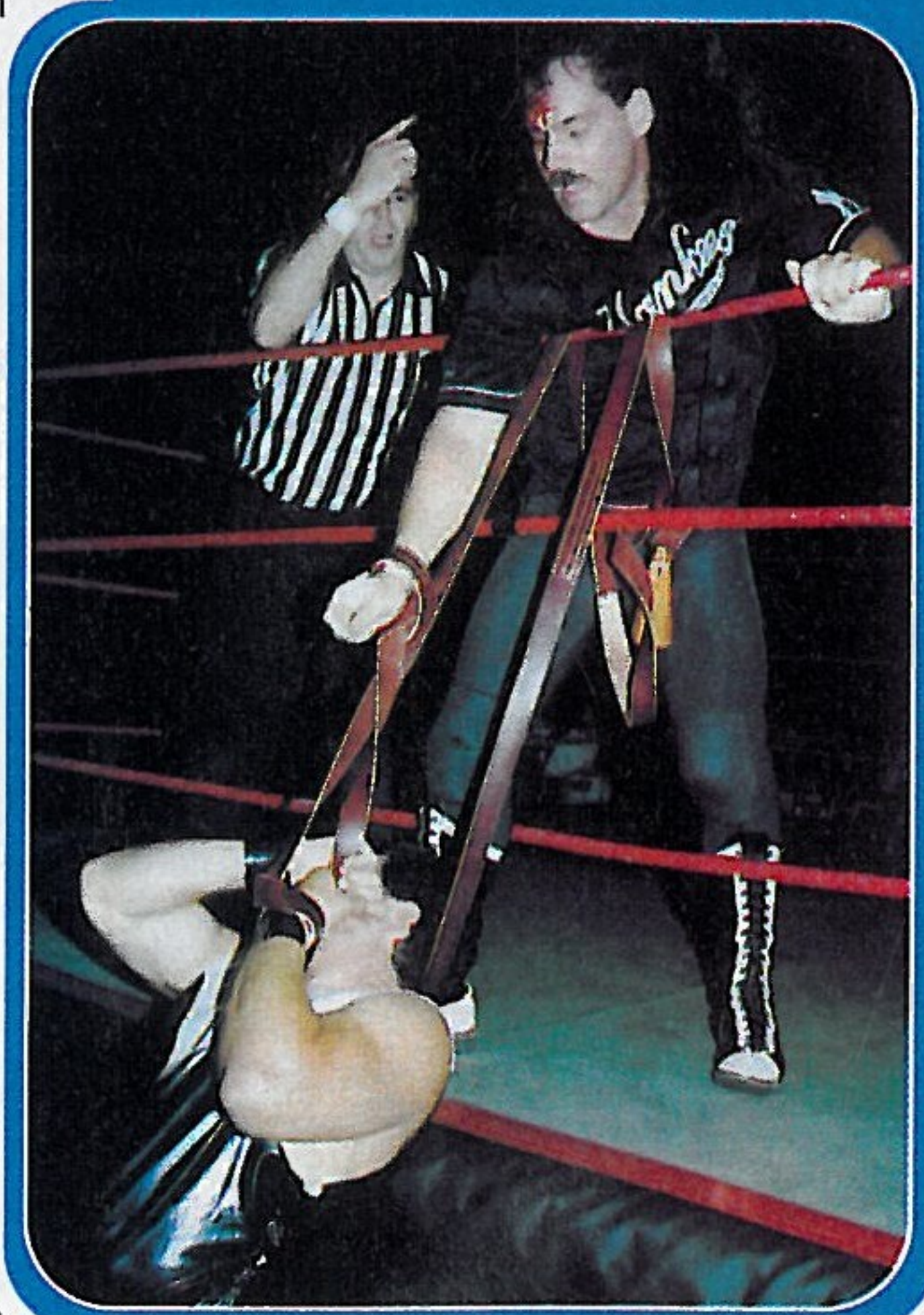
Ring name is derived from his number-seven ranking in U.K. indoor pole vault competitions ... He can pole vault the equivalent of five double-decker buses ... The popular star feuded with Jon Ryan, Johnny Moss, and Sinn (Chris Champion) during the past year ... Long-time friend Gemini turned against him and joined Sinn ... Has held the National Wrestling League cruiserweight and six-man titles in the United States ... Relinquished those championships due to visa difficulties ... Also competed in Pennsylvania's World Xtreme Wrestling ... Captured the Lincolnshire title ... His signature moves are the handspring elbow, handspring

moonsault, and the pole axe, a variation of the Rocker dropper.

408 MIYAKI FRANTZ (5'8", 177, 1, NL) Was working as a security guard during an All Pro Wrestling event when Vincenzo Massaro challenged him to replace an injured J.J. Perez ... Shocked the crowd by delivering an Asai moonsault, a phoenix press, and a 450 splash in his impressive (yet losing) effort ... Formed The Kamikaze Kids with his brother, Jardi ... They feuded with the Ballard brothers and earned a shot at All Pro tag champs The Original Westside Playaz ... There is already a Miyaki fan club.

409 DAPPER DAN (6'2", 232, 11, NL)

Calls himself "The New York Yankee" to infuriate Southern fans ... Teams with Bubba Monroe and Desperado ... Competes in the South and West, and occasionally ventures to Mexico and Japan ... His finishing move is the Yankee clipper ... A former Red River champ ... Also held the Texas All-Star tag team title.



410 STEVE SOUTHERN (5'11", 222, 11, 372)

"Mr. Action" is challenging his long-time rival, Al Savage, for the Unified Championship Wrestling title ... Formed Reel Action with former nemesis Chad Cheetum ... Earns his name by competing in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas ... Boasts very good speed and agility ... Has also held the UCW Alabama State and TV titles.

411 MASKED MANIAC (5'8", 252, 7, 384) Feuded with Jimmy Snuka earlier in the year ... Snuka later turned heel and joined Masked Maniac and Metal Maniac in Devastation Inc. ... Beat Brutus Beefcake, Ken Sweeney, and Chris Michaels ... Defeated King Kong Bundy by disqualification ... His signature maneuvers include the gut-wrench suplex, power bomb, and powerslam ... A two-time U.S.A. Pro Wrestling U.S. champion.

412 SCAB (6'1", 215, 3, NL) Defeated Cham Pain for the Southern Championship Wrestling title ... Competes in several Southern independents ... His finishing maneuver is the tornado bulldog ... Feuded with William Wealth III ... Has held the SCW junior heavyweight, VCW tag team, and VCW hardcore titles ... Hails from Seattle.

his final match ... Held the AWA World tag team title with Pat Tanaka in the late-1980s.

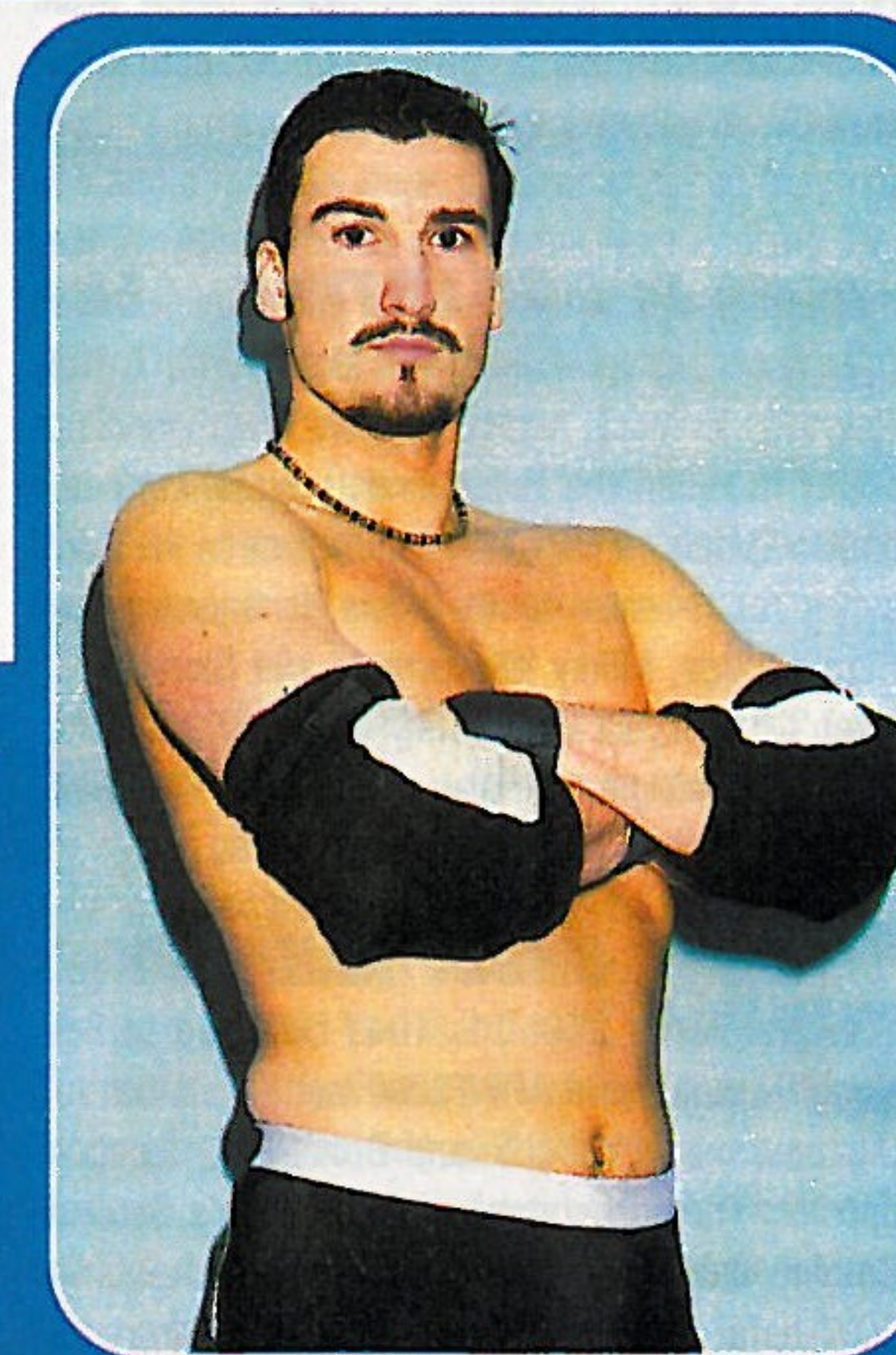
415 ZAK MASON (6', 215, 2, NL) Defeated Joel Davis for the NWA New England junior heavyweight title ... First gained prominence through his feud with Jason Rumble ... Now feuding with Chris Charisma ... His finishing move is the roach clip, a second-rope springboard DDT ... Sometimes called "the Rob Van Dam of NWA New England."

416 KEVIN KNIGHT (6'4", 232, 5, 347) Engaged in a seesaw war for the Independent Wrestling Federation title with Roman ... Retained the belt against The Patriot ... Battled headliners such as Steve Corino and Crowbar ... Also competes in NWA

418 POISON (5'10", 240, 7, NL) Based in England's BRAWL, an affiliate of the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation ... The Brit also competes in the AIWF affiliates in the United States ... Dominated his feud with American Steve Niles ... Feuded with wrestlers on both continents, including Bodycount, Mr. Nothing, and The Coalminers ... His finishing maneuver is the toxic shock, an airplane spin he turns into a facebuster ... A former AIWF Internet champion.

419 MAJOR HAVOC (6'1", 245, 7, 375) Feuding with The Scorpion and Don Carson in the RCWF, an affiliate of the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation ... Relies on brute strength to overpower his opponents ... Said he was able to survive 12 consecutive chair shots due to his Army Ranger training ... Has once again become a very popular star in the RCWF ... Wants a shot at AIWF champion Creeping Death ... Competes in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Ohio ... Has held the AIWF heavyweight, tag team, and U.S. titles, in addition to the RCWF championship.

420 BOBBY ROGERS (5'10", 260, 11, NL) Can be a hardcore hero or a hardcore heel, depending on his mood ... Desperate for fame ... Made headlines by trying to sell his kidney on eBay ... Offered to cut off his finger for the chance to wrestle on an ECW pay-per-view ... Claims the offer still stands for any promotion in Japan ... The owner of Florida's Future of Wrestling.



Jersey, the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation, and the Intercontinental Wrestling Alliance ... His finisher is the Knight fall, a version of the corkscrew sky-high ... A former NWA New Jersey State champion.

417 JOHNNY MALIBU (6'2", 214, 2, NL) Competes throughout Western Canada ... Based in Top Rope Championship Wrestling ... Spent eight years in competitive martial arts throughout Canada and overseas ... Blends the martial arts style into his wrestling repertoire ... Rivals include Shane Madison, Will Damon, and Donny DiCaprio ... Impressions of local and international stars make him a locker room favorite ... Teams with Mentallo.

413 DAVE JOHNSON (6'2", 245, 12, NL) His amazing reign as Future of Wrestling International champion began on March 26, 2000 ... Has retained the title against top stars such as Terry Funk, Steve Keirn, Chris Chavis (Tatanka), The Sandman, and Jerry Lawler ... Managed by "The Master Of Darkness," Abudadein ... Nicknamed "Blackheart."

414 PAUL DIAMOND (6'2", 240, 18, NL) Has competed in the NWA Canadian Wrestling Federation for the past year ... Held the promotion's heavyweight title numerous times ... Accompanied by his wife, Cherry Velvet ... Wrestled as Venom in the Texas Wrestling Alliance ... Battled Shawn Michaels in

421 J.T. LIGHTNING (5'10", 244, 9, NL) Returns to the "PWI 500" after a year's absence ... Competes in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania ... Enjoyed most of his success in Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling ... Feuding with Skull Ganz in Michigan's Xtreme Intense Championship Wrestling ... He and The Maestro formed The Shooters ... Incorporates the Japanese and shoot styles ... Has wrestled Rhyno, Sabu, Crowbar, Honky Tonk Man, Tommy Rich, and many other top stars.

422 DAVID LEE GILBERT (5'7", 192, 6, NL) One of the smallest wrestlers on the Southern indy circuit ... Calls himself "Simply Wonderful" ... Captured the USWF hardcore title ... His finisher is the famouser ... Has wrestled world-class stars such as The Rock 'n' Roll Express, Ivan Koloff, Jimmy Valiant, The Iron Sheik, and Bunkhouse Buck ... Has held the cruiserweight championships of the North American Wrestling Alliance, Classic Wrestling Association, and the



United States Wrestling Federation, in addition to the Virginia light heavyweight and North Carolina regional belts.

423 BADD BRAD (6', 190, 8, NL) Co-holder of the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation tag team title with Brian Danzig ... Competes in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania ... Claims to have made Chyna famous because she

mentioned wrestling him in *If They Only Knew* ... Brad actually won the match ... Has held the AIWF light heavyweight belt.

424 RALPH MOSCA (6'2", 270, 7, 353) A favorite to regain the vacant Northeast Wrestling championship ... A master of hardcore known for innovative moves and nailing people with steel chairs ... That's derived from his minor league hockey experience ... Battling John Diamond, Xavier, and Sledge throughout New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts ... Other tough opponents include Tony DeVito and Primo Camera III ... His finisher is the house party, a torture rack he turns into a Michinoku driver ... Nicknamed "Roughhouse."

425 THE PERSIAN PRINCE (5'10", 205, 19, 388) His 19-year relationship with the East Coast Wrestling Association is probably the longest of its kind between any wrestler and promotion ... Belongs to Foreign Power with Mr. Ooh La La and The Japanese Pool Boy ... Managed by Barry Casino ... Fans despise his elaborate pre-match ritual ... Feuding with Glen Osbourne, Vince Goodnite, Ty Street, Johnny Maxx, and Boogie Woogie Brown ... Perennial rival of Cheetah Master ... A former ECWA heavyweight and tag team champion.

426 CHRIS KRUEGER (6'2", 214, 5, NL) Over the past year, this Pennsylvania native has appeared in WCW, ECW, and Shawn Michaels' Texas Wrestling Alliance ... Favorite move is a running power bomb ... For Christmas, Mahoney gave him 11 staples in the head at the ECW Arena ... Broke into the business when he was attacked by the late Brian Pillman at an ECW card ... Sometimes teams with Michael Shane ... He and Michael Shane battled teams like Three Count on WCW Worldwide ... Spent a little time on the shelf after Scott Steiner injured his leg on an episode of Nitro ... He and fellow Shawn Michaels trainee Rueben Cruz made an impressive showing against Danny Doring and Roadkill in ECW ... splits his time between East Coast and Southern independents.

427 AL SAVAGE (6'1", 238, 8, 391) Defended his Unified Championship Wrestling title against Road Dogg, Bob Armstrong, Chad Cheetum, Big Nasty, Joe Kane, and Steve Southern ... Competed in North Carolina's PWF ... Accompanied by the voluptuous Busty Steel ... Nicknamed "Awesome" Al ... Hails from Los Angeles ... Makes smooth transitions from fast-paced to power-oriented matches.

428 LA. WILD ONE (5'8", 220, 14, NL) Competes in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Ohio ... Based in the North Carolina Wrestling Federation, an affiliate of the AIWF ... Upset the nearly seven-foot-tall Granet ... Best known for trying to set fire to Rob McBride ... A former NCWF heavyweight and tag team champ ... Began his career at age 16 ... Hometown is Los Angeles, as his name implies.

429 JEFF ROTH (6', 220, 6, NL) Calls himself "Mr. Wrestling" ... His role model is Tim Woods ... He's a student of the game—literally ... Likely to pull wrestling textbooks out of his backpack for pointers in the middle of a match ... Trained by Afa ... Lobbying for a shot at Future of Wrestling champion Chris Charger ... Jealous of Billy Fives ... Competes primarily in Florida.

430 DANNY ROSE (5'11", 247, 5, 465) Feuding with The Butcher and old Maryland rival Adam Flash in the Eastern Wrestling Federation ... "Doomsday" Danny still teams with Flash on occasion, and has also formed a cohesive unit with Romeo Valentino ... Competes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland ... Battled Honky Tonk Man and Tom Brandi many times ... Frequently appears in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Suffered a separated left shoulder and a sprained right ankle during the past year ... His finishing maneuver is the Doomsday driver, a version of the DVD.



431 SEBASTIAN KANE (6'5", 326, 12, 374) Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic, South, and Appalachia ... Teams with Joe Storm in East Coast Championship Wrestling ... A former ECCW heavyweight champion ... Has also held the East Coast Pro Wrestling Intercontinental and American Independent Wrestling Federation tag team titles ... His signature move is the gorilla press-slam ... Mixes an old-school style with hardcore ... Nicknamed "Big Daddy."

432 MOZART FONTAINE (5'9", 201, 2, NL) The current East Coast Wrestling Association Mid-Atlantic champion ... Defeated Crowbar in a recent defense ... Other top opponents include Gillberg, Glen Osbourne, and Ty Street ... Managed by E.S. Easton ... Teamed with Mr. Ooh La La before embarking on a singles career ... Calls himself "Fabulous" Mozart Fontaine ... Considered a master of ring psychology.

433 JOHNNY GRAHAM (5'10", 218, 14, 381) The long-time American Commonwealth light heavyweight champion added the WSWF cruiserweight title to his collection ... Also competes in Int'l Pro Wrestling, Championship Pro Wrestling, and several other Northeast promotions ... His long feud with Rob Noxious and manager Harvey Wippleman continues ... Graham, an ex-Marine, has formed a popular tag team with The Patriot ... His finishing moves are the Graham cracker and a sunset flip off the top rope ... Trained by Lars Anderson.

434 EARL THE PEARL (5'10", 205, 6, 444) The "Dancing Sensation" is the most charismatic star in Maryland Championship Wrestling ... In the midst of his second MCW tag team title reign with Rich Myers ... Feuded with Gillberg in various independents on the East Coast ... Disguised as a parking lot attendant at the Baltimore Arena and tried to wrest Crash Holly's WWF hardcore title from him using the 24-7 rule.



435 SUPER DESTROYER 2000 (6'3", 280, 1, NL) Considered a dream wrestler by old school fans ... Wears a black mask and black ring attire with no music, pyrotechnics, or light show ... Utilizes an old school style, including the heart punch as his finishing move ... One of the strongest men in All Pro Wrestling ... Managed by Buddy Cotello, Esq. ... Teams with Boom Boom Comini ... Wrestled All Pro Universal champion Donovan Morgan in Vallejo, California.

436 GUY WILLIAMS (5'10", 210, 8, 492) Doctors ordered him to quit wrestling because of his bad shoulder, an injury he has coped with for years ... Defeated Franky the Mobster for the Quebec title in what should have been his last match ... It was the only belt in Northern Championship Wrestling that had

eluded him ... His surprise success infuriated President Bertrand Hebert ... Lost the Quebec strap to Piranah in a three-way match also involving Franky the Mobster at ChallengeMania 9 ... Helped carry the promotion in a time of need.

437 BOOGIE WOOGIE BROWN (6'1", 380, 11, 391) The beloved star turned heel and wanted to be known simply as "B.W." Brown ... Joined Kevin Kelly's Connecticut Connection, the forerunner of The Alliance of Defiance ... The hefty Brown battled ex-friend Cheetah Master in a wild ladder match ... Kelly helped institute Brown as commissioner of the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Had a falling out with Kelly and is back in the fans' favor ... Has also competed for Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling.

438 JEFF HAMRICK (6', 235, 11, NL) Holds the Southern Wrestling Alliance title ... Frequently teams with his cousin Chris Hamrick ... Name recognition should finally give this young veteran a chance to succeed ... Has held the CCW and EWF belts ... Resides in Forest City, North Carolina ... Combines technical grappling with some high-flying moves.

439 REVEREND SLIM (5'10", 209, 11, 395) The former Jeff Victory lost his Extreme Coastal Championship Wrestling title and his career in a steel cage retirement match against Bill Mudd in January ... Changed his persona to that of Rev. Slim to slip back into the promotion ... The current American Pro Wrestling TV champion ... The top contender to the ECCW light heavyweight title ... Competes throughout the Southeast ... His signature move is the revelation, a version of the swinging neckbreaker ... A heel with strong technical skills ... Managed by Deacon Dollar ... Claims to represent Mizark Ministries.

440 BOB EVANS (6'3", 240, 9, NL) Defeated Wagner Brown for the New England Championship Wrestling title ... Feuded with Mike Hollow in NECW ... Battled Maverick Wild in Green Mountain Wrestling and Alex Arion throughout New England ... Competed in the East Coast Wrestling Association and the Elite Wrestling Alliance ... His finishing maneuver is the ugly stick slam-plex ... Nicknamed "Brutal" Bob ... A former Green Mountain heavyweight, tag team, and TV champ.



441 RONNIE ZUKKO (5'10", 205, 1, NL) Had a brief feud with Romeo Valentino ... Then captured his first belt, the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title, with Romeo Valentino ... His main squeeze, Candie, provides backup ... Battled The Honky Tonk Man, Tom Brandi, and Julio Dinero this year ... Also competed in the IPWA, ATCW, and the FWA ... Nicknamed "Soda Pop" ... This greaser looks like he walked out of *The Outsiders*.

442 SHAWN CHRISTOPHER (5'9", 218, 6, 390) "Little Sexy" defeated Stevie Phillips for the Hardcore Championship Wrestling belt on September 9, 2000 ... Won the HCW tag team title twice with Ric Gunner ... Feuding with Black Rain and The Louisville Mugger ... Fans don't mind his cockiness and arrogance ... Competes in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia ... His finisher is the potshot, a version of the frog splash ... Enhanced his aerial skills.

443 BRIAN DANZIG (5'11", 220, 8, NL) He and Badd Brad are the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation tag team champions ... Says he hates everyone ... Called "The Minister Of Hardcore" because he sometimes carries chairs wrapped in barbed wire and has gone threw plenty of glass doors ... Com-

petes primarily in the Mid-Atlantic region ... Ventures to New Jersey and Delaware to appear in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Has held the AIWF heavyweight, light heavyweight, and U.S. titles.

444 SEIJIN AKKI (5'11", 180, 1, NL) Upset indy standouts Scoot Andrews and Jayson Reign in a three-way match for the International Pro Wrestling light heavyweight title on May 19 in St. Petersburg, Florida ... The high-flyer also defeated Jamie Knoble and Jet Jaguar during the past year ... His finishers are the 450 splash and Michinoku driver ... Ventured from Osaka, Japan, to train at IPW's WrestlePlex ... Feuding with Rod Steel in NWA Florida.

445 RED (5'6", 147, 1, NL) Captured the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation junior heavyweight title ... A member of The Spanish Announcing Team, which includes the Maximo brothers and Brian XL ... They are so named because of their penchant for going through announcers' tables ... Turned in a good showing at Maryland Championship Wrestling's Shane Shamrock Cup ... One of the best high-flying rookies on the indy scene ... Also wrestles in CZW and the CWF.

446 JOEY CORMAN (5'6", 170, 3, NL) Captured the NWA Texas junior heavyweight title ... Feuded with Samir throughout Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Georgia ... Finally settled their differences and became a dominant tag team ... His finishing move is the 450 splash ... Managed by "The Extreme Golfer" Mike Paige ... Nicknamed "Playboy" ... Suffered broken fingers and a broken nose ... Missed two weeks because of a pinched nerve ... Has held light heavyweight titles throughout the South.

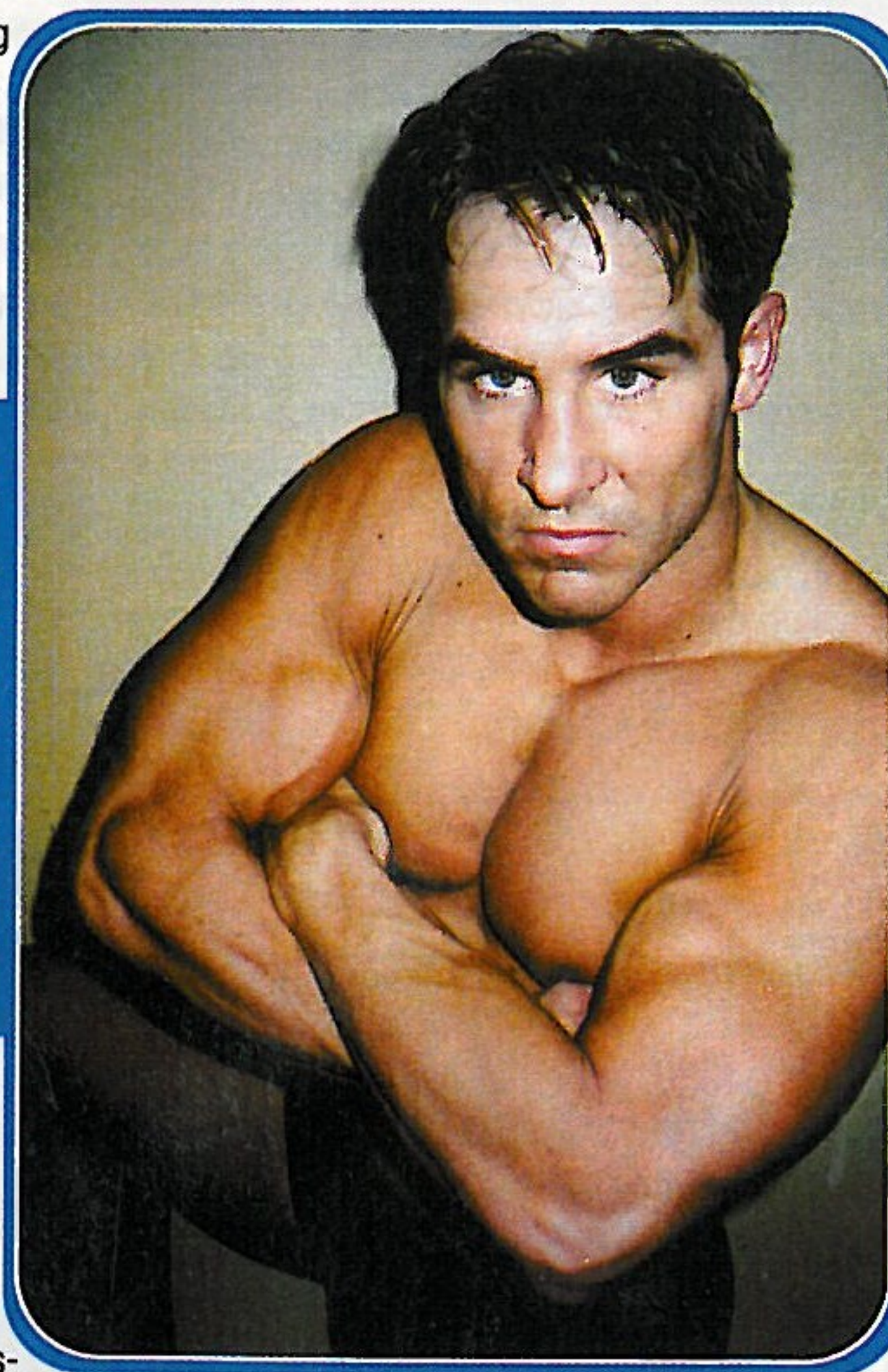
447 JAKE DAMIEN (6', 235, 3, 482) "The Ripper" represented KYDA Pro Wrestling during three tours of the United Kingdom and another tour of Ireland ... His European feud with Mr. Mustafa might resume in the United States ... Battling Brock Singleton to determine the top contender to the KYDA Pro title ... The popular star left Alexis Laree to make it on his own ... Has held the KYDA Pro heavyweight and Mid-Atlantic titles.

448 ALEX ARION (5'9", 210, 2, NL) Feuding with Bob Evans and Maverick Wild ... Competes primarily in New England Championship Wrestling ... Has held the Green Mountain tag team, Green Mountain TV, and Elite Wres-

tling Alliance TV titles ... Made appearances in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... Wrestled on an episode of *WWF Metal* taped at the FleetCenter in Boston ... The flying bodypress and splash off the top rope are his finishing moves ... Adopted "The Golden Greek" nickname from Spirios Arion ... Has competed in Memphis and Puerto Rico in previous years ... Trainer Al Snow made him tough enough.

449 DON BASHER (6', 295, 14, 412) "The Dangerous Bull" is the most hated man in Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws ... Leads Western Outlaws Rule (WOR), which includes WCWO women's champion Angelfire and tag team champions Indiana Kidd Jr. and Uncle Ernie ... Basher defeated Sgt. Eddie Wilson for the heavyweight title ... WOR has total control over the promotion ... Competes throughout the Midwest ... His finishing maneuver is a running stunner ... Has held more championships than anyone in WCWO history.

450 JUAN XAVIER (5'9", 191, 4, NL) The Northeast Wrestling light heavyweight champion incorporates the Mexican and Japanese styles into a high-flying offense ... His contenders are J.P. Black, Mike Quackenbush, and "Purty" Kurty Adonis ... Lost to Super 8 winner Low-Ki in a non-title match ... Signature moves include various suplexes, huracan-ranas, planchas, and dropkicks ... Very popular among female fans.



451 DAVE GRECO (6', 201, 1, NL) Became one of the most hated indy wrestlers in New Jersey ... Captured the Jersey Championship Wrestling light heavy-weight title ... Feuded with Judas Young and Super 8 winner Low-Ki ... His toughest opponent was Gillberg ... The last call, an inverted Rock bottom, is his finishing move ... Has co-held the JCW six-man championship ... Calls himself "The Superstar."

452 CHIC WHITE (6', 265, 19, NL) One of the most despised men in Volunteer Championship Wrestling ... He and The Equalizer comprise The Death Riders ... They are in a violent feud with The U.S. Marshals, Scott Bishop and Jason Justice ... Competes in eastern Tennessee and southeastern Kentucky ... The bulldog and DDT are his signature moves.

453 METAL MANIAC (6', 285, 9, NL) Claims he has wrestled Jimmy Snuka a legitimate 307 times ... "If the odds are 300 to 1, I'll win next time," he says ... Entered World Xtreme Wrestling and targeted all members of Snuka's extended family, included the Anoaia clan ... Lists Sunset Beach, Hawaii, as his hometown, fueling rumors that he is Don Muraco's son ... That would explain the grudge ... Challenging WXW champion Samu ... His frontal inverted piledriver was a forerunner of Triple-H's pedigree ... Has held the East Coast Pro heavy-weight and TV titles.

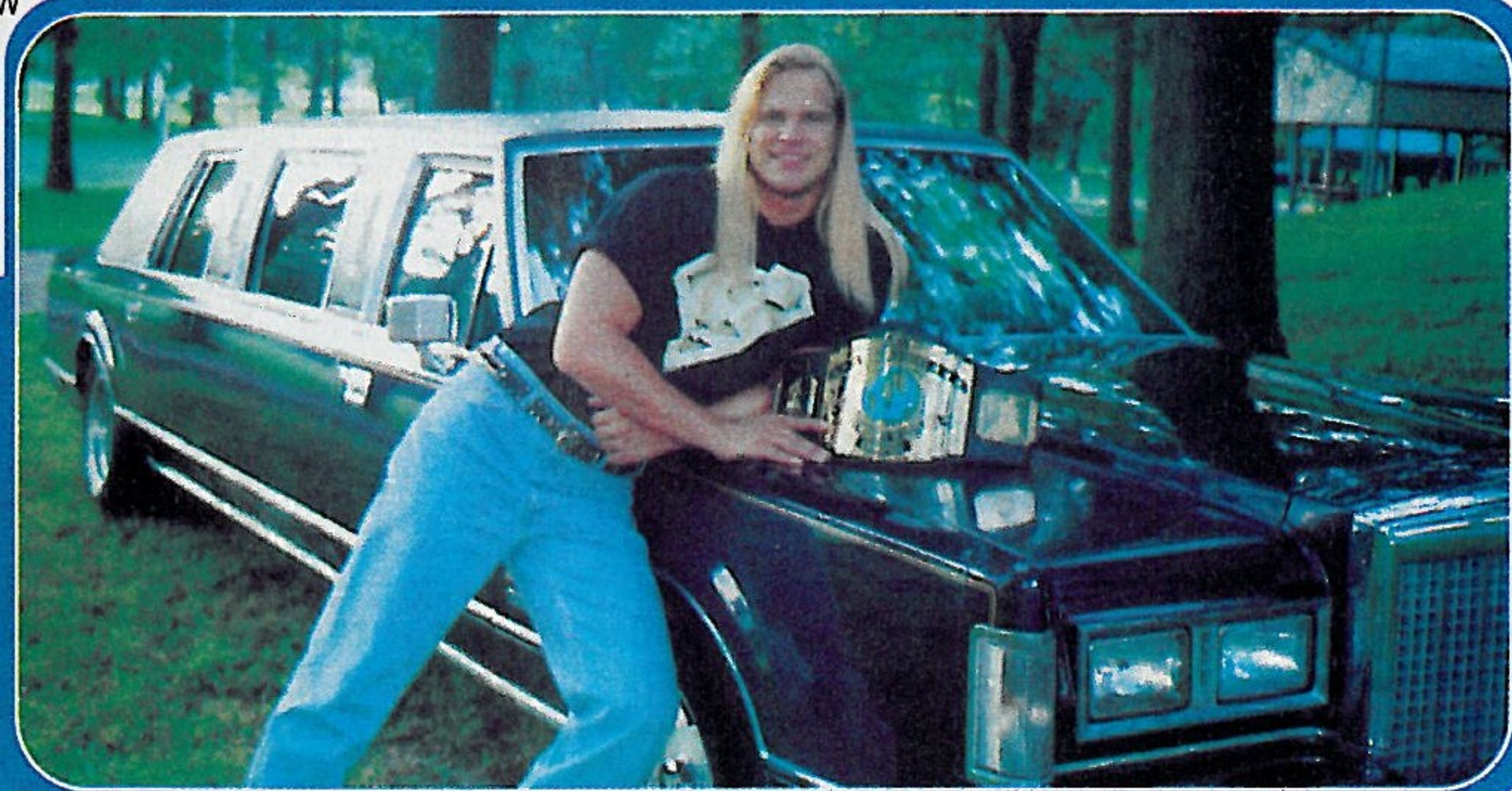
454 NOVA CAIN (6'2", 265, 2, NL) Disbanded The Juggalos and split from Rush to embark on a singles career ... Defeating TNT in the main event of Northern Championship Wrestling's "Collision Course" was a huge boost ... Remained undefeated for seven months, thanks to his Nova driver ... NCW banned that maneuver, so he invented the Cain factor, a sitdown TKO ... Beat The Nightstalker for the NCW TV title on February 24 ... Lost the belt to Jayson Reaper at Challengemania IX ... Also competes in Paul LeDuc's *Federation Lutte Quebecoise* and several other Canadian promotions.

455 THE CALIFORNIA KID (6'2", 220, 11, 500) Regained the Independent Championship Wrestling title from Brandon Walker ... Headlining against Bunkhouse Buck, The Bushwhackers, Doug Gilbert, and other top stars ... Rumored to be headed back to northern Indiana ... Changed his attire to a black cowboy outfit ... Hails from Malibu, California.



456 JOEL MAXIMO (5'8", 188, 1, NL) A member of The Spanish Announcing Team with brother Jose, Red, and Brian XL ... The Maximo brothers defeated The Damned and The Backseat Boyz in a three-way match for the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation tag team title on May 10 ... He and Jose are among the best high-flying teams in the Northeast ... Trained by former ECW champ Mike Whipwreck.

457 INDIANA KIDD JR. (6'1", 210, 5, 406) The most beloved star in the history of Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws sold out to Don Basher's Western Outlaws Rule (WOR) ... Teamed with Uncle Ernie to beat Simply Marvelous for the WCWO tag team title



... Competes in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky ... The superkick is his finishing move ... A former WCWO tag team and Midwest champ.

458 B.J. WHITMER (6'1", 200, 1, NL) The once-popular cruiserweight betrayed his partner, Ash Parker, and they have been feuding ever since ... Competes primarily in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Has also appeared in IWA Mid-South, Missouri's World League Wrestling, and Japan's NOAH ... Possesses a vast arsenal of finishing moves, including the frog splash, diving headbutt, and cradle piledriver.

459 BOB KELLER (5'11", 251, 7, NL) Teamed with long-time rival The Combat Kid to win a battle royal and a shot at Championship Pro Wrestling titleholders The Hellfire Club ... They beat The Hellfire Club for the belts on December 2, 2000, in Moorefield, West Virginia ... Tensions between Keller and Combat are still simmering, however ... Feuding with The House of Shane ... One of the most popular wrestlers in West Virginia ... Teams with Playboy Paris in South Carolina's CPWA ... Known for his bulldog finisher and flamboyant purple tights ... Nicknamed "Rock 'n' Roll."

460 JOSE MAXIMO (5'9", 190, 1, NL) He, brother Jose, Red, and Brian XL comprise The Spanish Announcing Team, otherwise known as the SAT ... The Maximo brothers won a three-way match—also involving The Damned and The Backseat Boyz—for the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation tag team title on May 10 ... They lost the belts to the makeshift team of Mad Dog of The Damned and Johnny Kashmere of The Backseat Boyz.



461 JIMMY SNUKA SR. (6', 260, 32, 396) Slipped off the top turnbuckle for the first time when Masked Maniac coated it with oil ... Turned heel and now teams regularly with Masked Maniac in U.S.A. Pro Wrestling ... Reconciled with long-time nemesis Metal Maniac in U.S.A. Pro, although they continue to do battle in other promotions ... Snuka and the two Maniacs formed Devastation Inc. ... Held the U.S.A. Pro New York state title ... Remains popular in every other East Coast promotion in which he appears ... Also competes in Indiana's International Association of Wrestling ... A former NWA U.S. heavyweight and World tag team champ.

462 BRODY HAWK (6'2", 250, 8, NL) He and his brother, Cody, defeated Carnage Antwan and Dre Black in the final of a round-robin tournament to win the PCW tag team title in Memphis ... Brody and Cody are known as Pure Destruction ... Feuding with Danny Good and Poker Face as well as The Rowdy Rebel and Tiger ... Competes throughout the Mid-South.

463 AUSTIN JAMES (6'1", 275, 8, NL) Co-holder of the Hoosier Pro Wrestling tag team title with Ronnie Vegas ... A consistent contender for the Hoosier Pro heavyweight belt ... James, Vegas, and Ox Harley are attempting a takeover of Hoosier Pro by vanquishing Bobo Brazil Jr. and promoter Jerry Wilson ... Formerly a top star in Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws.

464 HOMELESS JIMMY (5'10", 220, 6, NL) Finally broke into the "PW/500" because of his .500 average, up from his .000 average of the two previous years ... His first win was an upset over Kronus in the first round of the 2001 King of the Deathmatch tournament ... A former member of Rob Black's Army ... Now one of the most popular stars in Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... Spoke his first words in 2001.

465 BRIAN BEDLAM (6'5", 310, 1, NL) Competes in NWA Pacific Northwest and Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... In the midst of his third reign as NWA Pacific Northwest/ECCW hardcore champion ... Battled Jim Neidhart and Kurrigan ... Feuding with Juggernaut and Pacific Northwest/ECCW champion Dr. Luther ... Also wrestled Michelle Starr and Jason the Terrible ... A former CSWA champion ... His signature moves include the top-rope clothesline, top-rope elbowdrop, choke slam, and Bedlam bomb ... Training to become a pro boxer ... Played college football for the Washington State Cougars ... Booked to make his first tour of Korea in late-2001.

466 MARK MEST (6', 384, 10, 383) He and Maxx Crimson are the longest-reigning AAW tag team champs of all-time ... Leads a clique known as The Intimidators ... Managed by "Risky Business" Ronnie Raines ... Has battled Cremator along the entire East Coast ... Held the EWA tag title with Jim Brannigan ... Has wrestled Bam Bam Bigelow, King Kong Bundy, and Tom Brandi ... Best known in West Virginia ... Brother of Troy Mest.

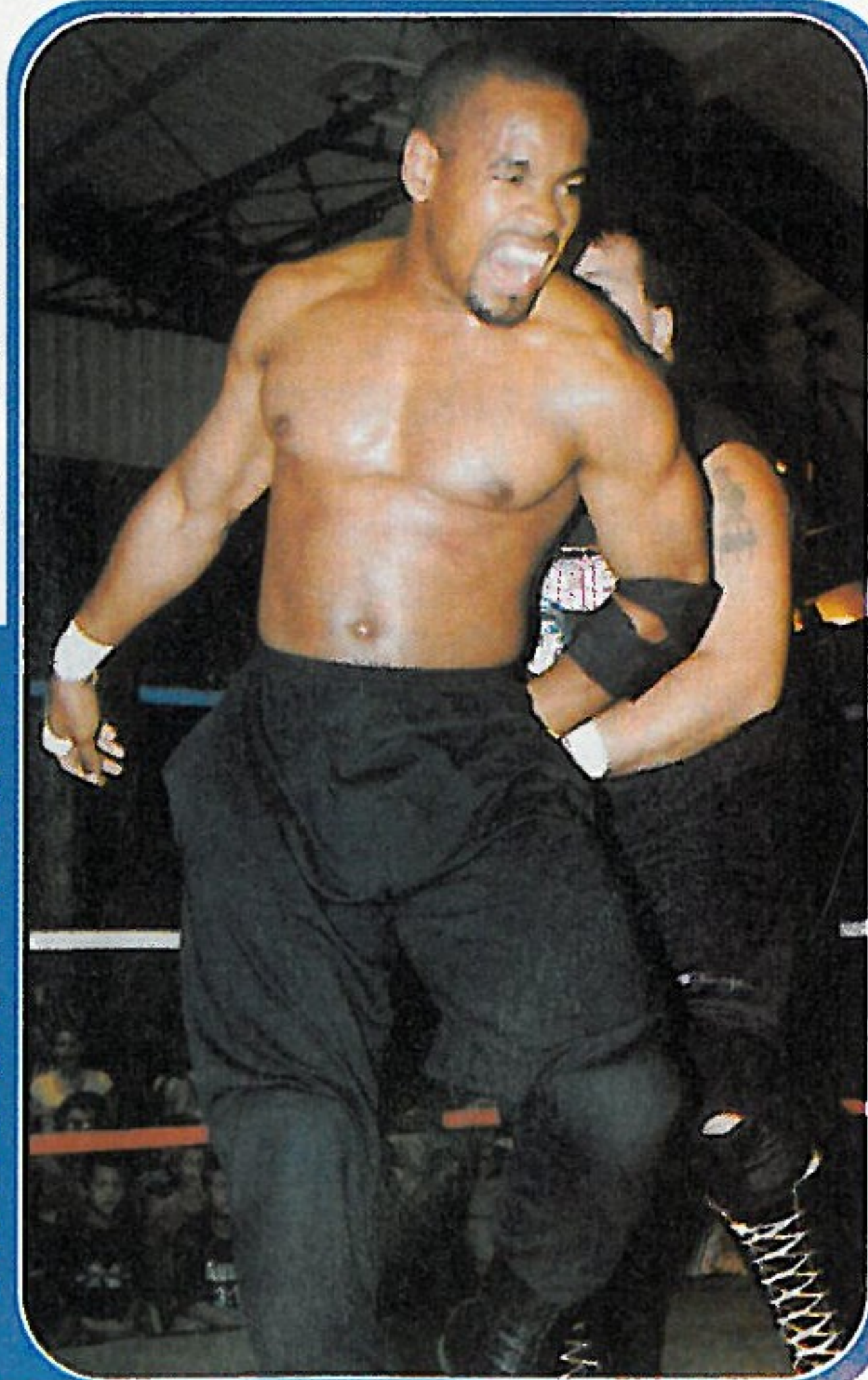
467 FLEX FENOM (5'10", 220, 1, NL) Returned to the National Wrestling League and the House of Pain Wrestling Federation after missing nearly a year of action due to a torn muscle in his chest that was surgically repaired ... Gained experience in main-event matches with Jerry Lawler and Thrasher ... Has held the cruiserweight titles of the NWL and the HOPWF ... Feuded with current NWL cruiserweight champion John Balsamo ... His finishers are the Flex-plex (a tiger suplex) and the figure-Flex leg submission (a modified figure-four).

468 TOMMY IDOL (5'9", 194, 6, NL) Enjoyed a great year in the Florida Wrestling Alliance, where he held the heavy-weight and tag team titles ... Toughest match was against Roadkill in September 2000 ... Held the World Star Wrestling Federation cruiserweight belt

in Pennsylvania ... Trowned by Eastern Wrestling Federation light heavyweight champion Ric Blade on December 1 ... A former Lethal Wrestling Federation light heavyweight champion.

469 DAVE SHERMAN (6'4", 322, 2, NL) "Tank" rolled through several battle royals and rumbles in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock and emerged victorious ... Upset Sinn (Chris Champion) in the Transatlantic Wrestling Challenge ... Lost to former NWA champ Gary Steele in the same competition ... The big man is developing a technical repertoire ... His cult following forced his turn from monster to fan favorite ... "Who let the Tank out?" is a popular chant when Sherman appears ... The Tank buster powerslam, along with a very graceful moonsault and spinning heel kick, are his best moves.

470 JON DOUGLAS (5'11", 228, 5, NL) Won his second Ultra Championship Wrestling title by defeating Zane and Shawn Stevens in the same night in July 2000 ... Beat Zane again in a now-infamous "Stairway To Hell" TLC match in September ... Continued to defend the title on a regular basis despite a torn rotator cuff suffered in that encounter ... Turned against his protege, The Big Unit, after discovering he wanted a



title shot ... Fractured his heel in March ... Made a surprise appearance in the IWF, but was even more surprised himself when Zane was revealed as his opponent ... Zane used a senton bomb to defeat "The Headliner" in the non-title bout ... A Texas mainstay.

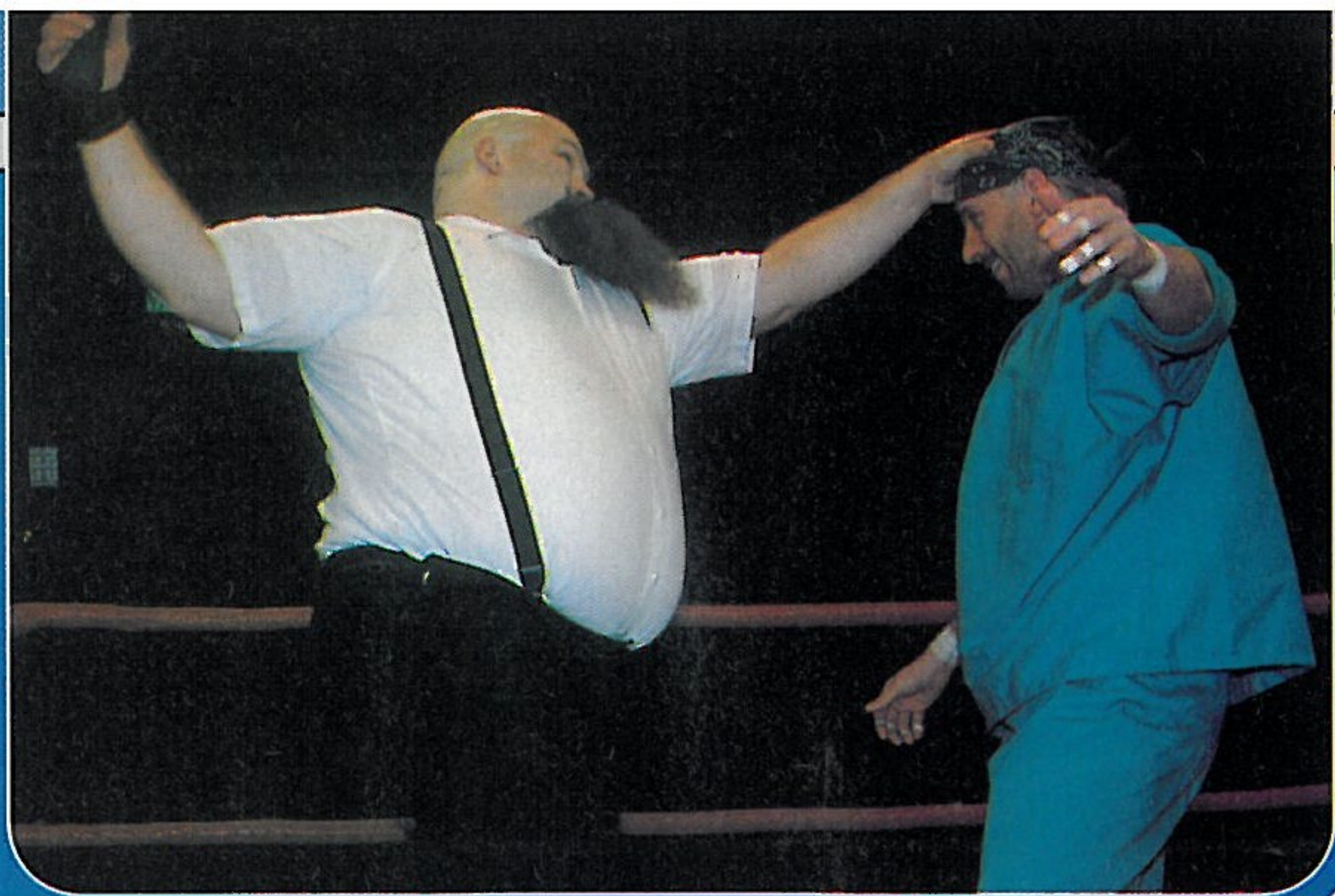
471 ADAM JACOBS (5'9", 185, 1, NL) Advanced to the final of the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight title tournament ... And that was his debut ... Lost the final to Lazz ... Formed a new version of The American Males with Silky Boom Boom ... Turned against Silky to join John Phoenix and Air Paris in Suicidal Tendencies ... Became Phoenix's full-time partner after the duo turned against Paris and A.J. Styles ... This guy just can't be trusted ... He and Phoenix captured the Wildside tag team belts ... Adopted Bobby Eaton's Alabama jam as his finisher.

472 RICK NOBLE (6'1", 241, 2, NL) The top contender for the ECCW and UPW titles, both of which are recognized in the Carolinas ... The current heavyweight champion of the South Carolina-based OEW ... His finisher is the Rick-a-mortis, a spinning bulldog off the top rope ... Competes throughout the Southeast, where his feud with Mack Truck rages ... Has held the American Pro Wrestling U.S. heavyweight and tag team titles ... Trained by former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr.

473 ROD BELL (6'2", 252, 12, NL) Returns to the "PWI 500" after a six-year absence ... The current NWWA/PCW champion ... Managed by "The Most Politically Correct Man In Wrestling," Bill Kennedy ... Competes in the Midwest ... Originally trained by Dick the Bruiser ... Has also held the MCW, AWA, and ICW titles ... Formerly known as Lightning Rod.

474 JIMMIE LEE (6'1", 265, 11, 409) Disbanded The Coalition of Demolition when his partner, Big Zed, attacked him ... Dominated Big Zed in the ensuing feud ... Defeated Mr. Insanity for the American States Wrestling Alliance title in November 2000 and has reigned as champion ever since ... Received a tryout for *Tough Enough* ... Known as "The Nightmare" and "The Gravedigger" ... His finishing move is the fright night, a choke-slam he turns into a power bomb.

475 KYLE STORM (6'1", 215, 9, 486) Teamed with Spike Dudley to win the Chaotic Wrestling tag team title from The One-Night Stand on February 23 in Revere, Massachusetts ... Relinquished the championship after Dudley signed with the WWF, and Storm suffered a separated shoulder in a match against Chaotic TV champion Luis Ortiz ... Became embittered by the injury ... Broke a beer bottle over Ortiz' head ... Nicknamed "Kick Ass."



476 BENNY STOLTZFUS (6'3", 390, 2, NL) This Amish star from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is one of the most popular wrestlers in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Fans love his polka music ... Relies on raw power to win matches ... Feuding with Mr. Ooh La La and his Foreign Power clique ... The sitout powerslam and big splash are his finishers ... Also competed in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling.

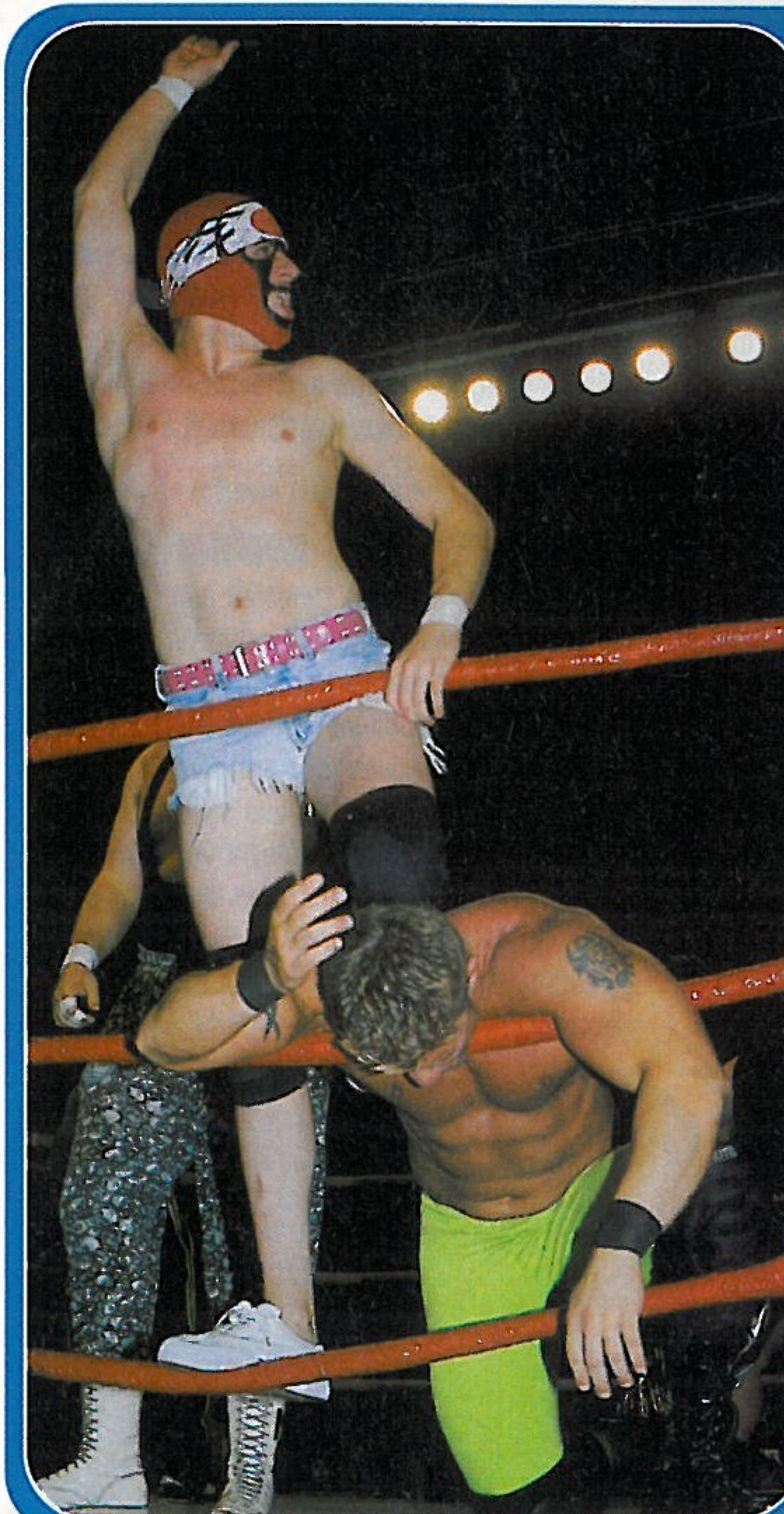
477 GINO MARTINO (5'11", 341, 5, NL) "The Extreme Strongman" can break concrete cinder blocks over his head and encourages 300-pound wrestlers to stand on his chest as he lays on a bed of nails ... Defeated Jay Jaillet for the Chaotic Wrestling title on October 20, 2000, and reigned for seven months ... Dethroned by Rick Fuller in Revere, Massachusetts ... Regained the belt in a hard-fought battle ... Re-

tained the strap against Kronus, Tony Atlas, and his own partner, Ali Muhammed ... As vicious as he is strong ... His finisher is the spinal tap, a crushing bearhug/powerslam combination.

478 MAJIK (6'1", 190, 1, NL) His arrogance and outspokenness have made him one of the most hated men in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Wrestled Jim Neidhart, Sinn (Chris Champion), Vic the Bruiser, Wolfie D, and Gary Steele during the past year ... Teams with Johnny Moss ... Defeated Dean Champion and Dave Sherman en route to winning a King of the Ring-style tournament in March ... Lost to NWA Wildside junior heavyweight champ Lazz at a television taping in the United States ... Also competed in Holland ... Missed a few weeks of action due to a dislocated patella ... Nicknamed "The Mysterious One" ... His finishing maneuvers include the spellbinder (a running Death Valley driver) and whirlwind DDT (a reverse DDT that flips all the way over).

479 CHRIS CHARGER (6'1", 222, 3, NL) Pulled a shocker by winning an eight-man tournament for the Future of Wrestling title ... Boasts great aerial skills ... Quick-witted on the microphone ... Fans don't know whether to boo him for his outrageousness or cheer him for his creativity ... His fellow wrestlers hate him more ... Competes in Florida ... His primary rival is Billy Fives.

480 TERRY KNIGHT (6'1", 230, 5, NL) A member of NWA Elite ... Defeated Stone Mountain for the National title ... Teams with Eddie Golden and Onyx ... Another of NWA Wildside's young veterans ... Might be the promotion's best technical grappler ... Hails from North Carolina ... The longest-reigning National Championship Wrestling U.S. titleholder of all-time.



483 THE JAPANESE POOL BOY (6'1", 180, 2, NL) Has the most risque ring entrance of any star in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... A member of Foreign Power with Mr. Ooh La La and The Persian Prince ... Becoming more popular despite being managed by Barry Casino ... Feuded with Vince Goodnite, Ty Street, Glen Osbourne, and Felipe the Pool Boy ... JPB won the rights to the name "Pool Boy" ... Trained by Jim Kettner and Glen Osbourne.

484 JOE BROCK (6', 230, 4, NL) Competes in the Northeast and Appalachia ... Best known in West Virginia ... One of his frequent haunts is Atlantic Terror Championship Wrestling ... His toughest opponents this year were Nick Fury and Earl the Pearl ... Nicknamed "Cool" Joe ... Lost to Benny Stoltzfus and Scott Furie ... Mixes agility and technical grappling skills fairly well.

485 HADRIAN (6'1", 221, 1, NL) Based in New Jersey's Independent Wrestling Federation ... Came back from a tough loss to Gillberg in May to beat Biggie Biggs

481 BRANDON WALKER (5'10", 220, 4, NL) Feuded with Chris Michaels, Jack Diamond, and Bad Boy Phillips ... Competes in Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, and Indiana ... The sitdown crucifix is his finisher ... Captured the Old School Wrestling Federation title ... A former Independent Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Managed by The Love Maker ... Nicknamed "Thunderbolt."

482 C.B. CANE (5'10", 226, 11, NL) Leads his group, New Attitude, against Hoggg Wylde, which includes Bull Matthews and manager Lil Boy Howdie ... Teamed with New Jack to defeat Hoggg Wylde's Johnny Lee and Demolition Ax in a long-awaited showdown ... Lee eventually joined Cane in New Attitude ... Regained the Thunder Wrestling Federation title from J.T. Storm in Ormond Beach, Florida ... Defended the championship against Hector Guerrero, Bubba Lee, Bull Matthews, and The Ghetto Superstar ... His finisher is the attitude drop.

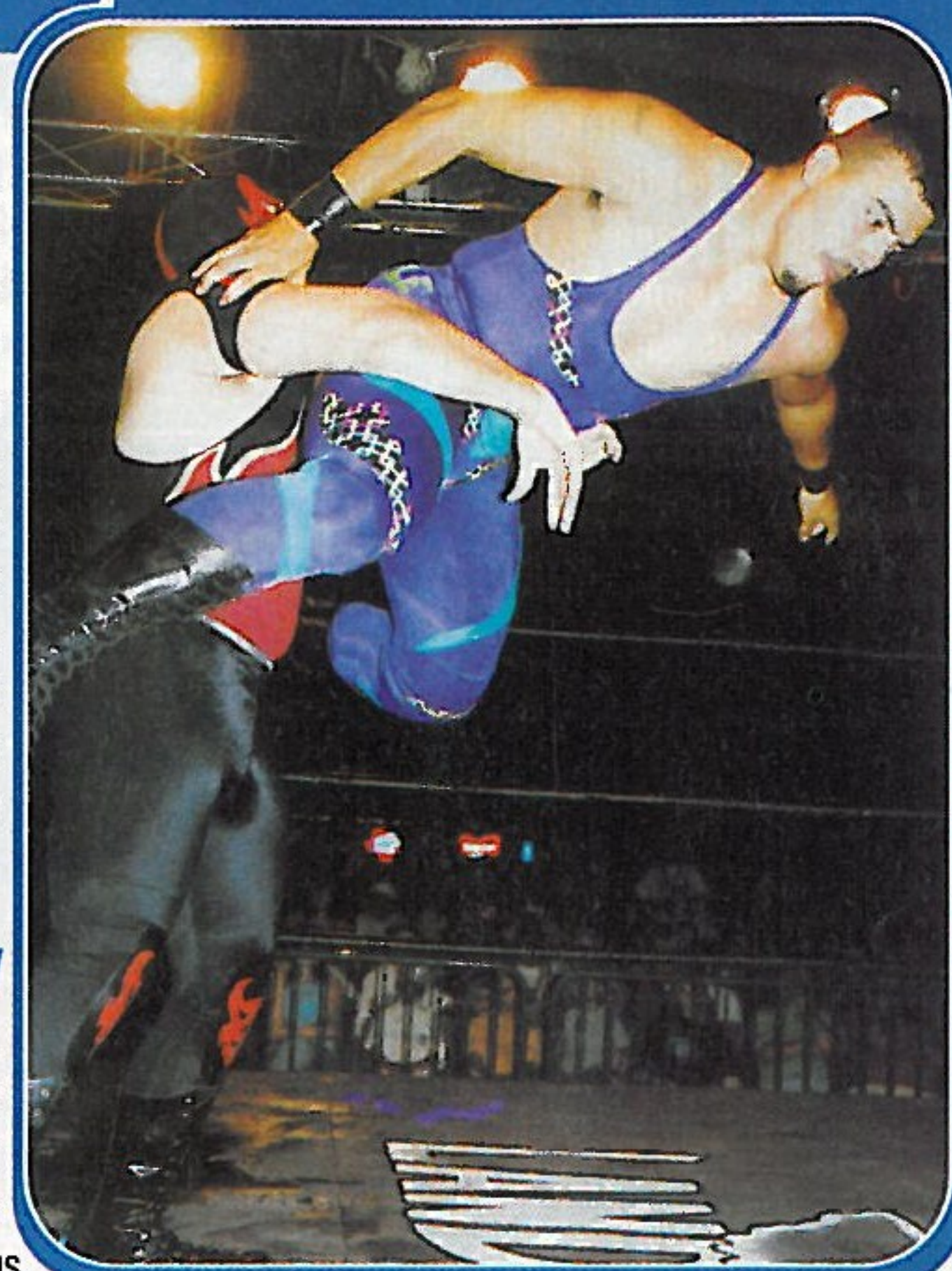
on June 3, ending his 15-month American title reign ... Feuding with Roman ... Also competes in the Pennsylvania Wrestling Federation and Intercontinental Wrestling Alliance ... A member of The Winner's Circle ... Managed by veteran Mike Winner ... Born in Greece.

486 ASH PARKER (5'9", 180, 1, NL) This high-flying rookie competes primarily in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Debuted at the HWA Showcase on December 12, 2000 ... B.J. Whitmer, perhaps jealous of Parker's early success, turned against his partner during a match against The A-Squad ... His offensive weapons include the top-rope legdrop, moonsault, fisherman's neckbreaker, and an overhead version of the Razor's edge.

487 BULLDOZER BENTON (6', 252, 10, NL) The current Florida Extreme Wrestling Federation Southern champion ... His manager, Velvet, stands up for her man ... 'Dozer was ranked as the number-three contender to The Black Knight's heavyweight title at

press time ... More of a biker than a construction guy ... Feuding with his spiteful son, Spike ... Former partner of Lanny Poffo.

488 BEN GALVAN (5'11", 212, 6, NL) A member of the Galvan brothers tag team ... Considers himself "New Style" ... Has competed in Texas, Louisiana, and Mexico ... The Galvanizer is his finishing move ... Dominated as Gulf Coast Wrestling champion ... Held the Gulf Coast tag team title ... Resides in Corpus Christi, Texas ... Began his career at age 16.

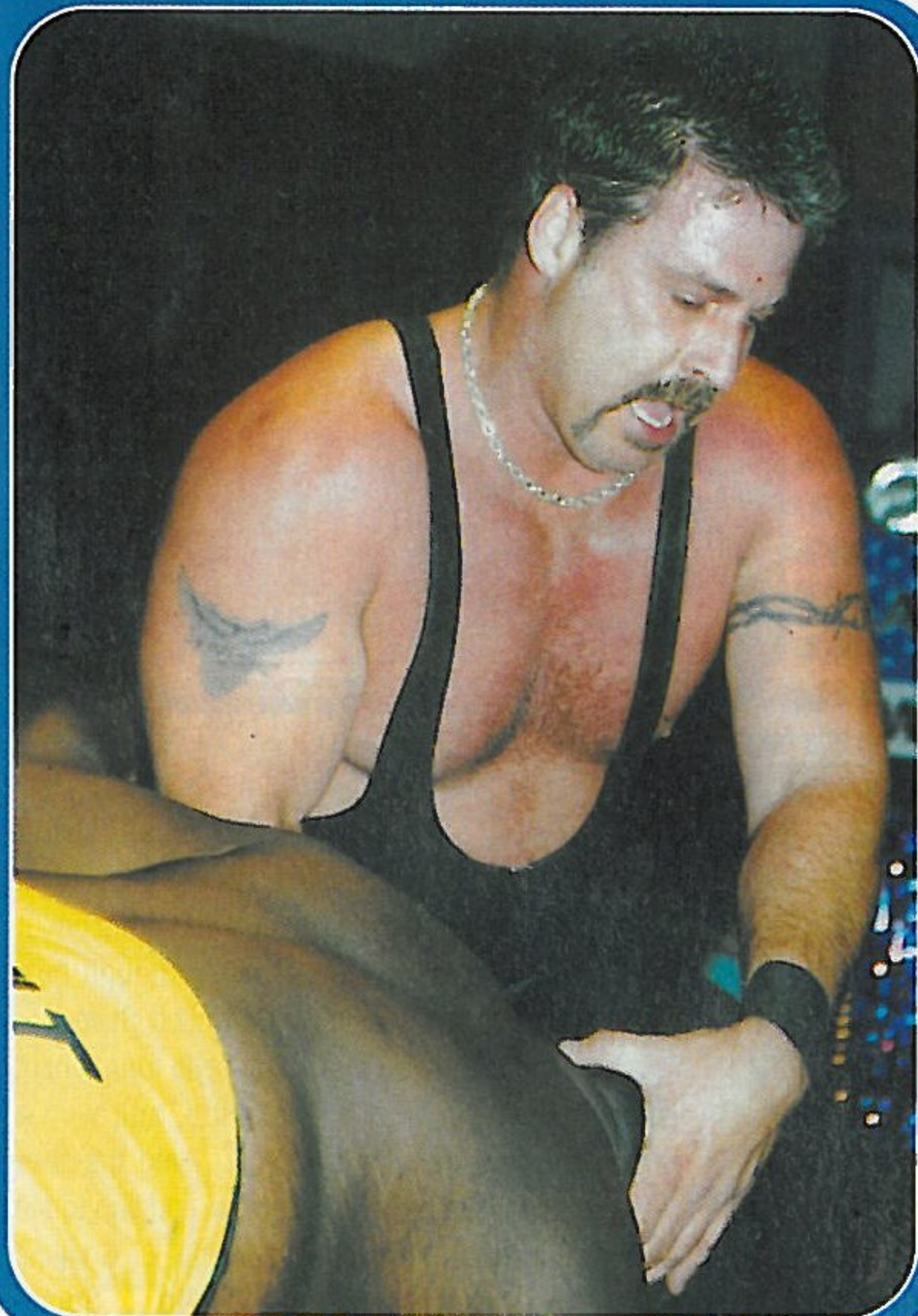


489 THORNN (6'2", 215, 6, NL) The current WPW and VEW champion ... Managed by either Harvey Wippleman or Kenny Casanova, depending on the promotion ... Claims to be from Harlem, Japan, although he's never been out of the continental United States ... Captured the WPW title in a shoot-style tournament against several martial arts experts, and won a three-way pro wrestling match ... Held the New Breed cruiserweight and U.S. titles, in addition to the Eastern States tag team championship ... Greatest match was a victory over Tony DeVito ... Sometimes wrestles under his original ring name, "Sweet" Pete Waters.

490 MACK TRUCK (6'6", 265, 2, NL) The current UCW heavyweight champion ... Managed by the wealthy and untrustworthy L.E. Ward ... As his name suggests, he's very strong ... Favorite moves are the choke-slam and power bomb ... Has held several heavyweight titles throughout the Carolinas ... Hometown is Detroit.

491 OSIRIS (6', 220, 5, NL) The masked high-flyer has reigned as Missouri Powerhouse Wrestling champion for more than five months ... A co-founder of Generation Triple-X with The Searcher ... Has competed in MOCW, PCW, and other promotions throughout the Midwest and Mexico ... His finishing moves are the diving headbutt off the top rope and senton bomb.

492 J.W. BOSS (6'2", 268, 17, NL) This veteran competes primarily in the South and Appalachia, but has toured the Middle East and Asia ... Managed by Ronnie Gossett Jr. ... Has teamed with Speedy Gonzalez and L.A. Stevens ... The power bomb is his finishing move ... Began his career at age 17 ... A former South Atlantic, Deep South, and Atlantic Coast champ ... Also held the NWA Mid-Atlantic tag team title ... Resides in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



493 THE HUSSLA (5'7", 170, 1, NL) A disagreement over alleged bets and stolen jewelry has brought his street war with Bennie the Bookie into the ring ... Challenged Shark Boy for the Heartland Wrestling Association cruiserweight title ... Teaming with Jay Jay Duquesne ... The Husslaplex, a double-underhook suplex off the top rope, is his finishing maneuver.

494 JEFF STARR (6', 215, 3, NL) Proficient in technical grappling and high-risk aerial maneuvers ... Recaptured the World of Hurt and WWA titles ... Competes in TSW, WPW, NEW, and ESW ... Managed by Kenny Casanova ... Defeated Pat Tanaka, Dick Dudley, and Chris Candido ... Feuding with J.P. Black, Oman Tortuga, and Shockwave throughout the Northeast ... Wrestled Haku on *WWF Jakked* and *Metal* ... His signature moves include a corkscrew swanton bomb and a wicked Irish whip ... Sometimes uses the superkick as a finisher ... Nicknamed "Mr. Spotlight."

495 SUPERSTAR STEVE (6'1", 213, 1, NL) Struggled for the first several months of his career ... His fortunes turned around when he joined The Gold Exchange ... Managed by Johnny Gold ... He and Matt Murphy are the top tag team in World League Wrestling ... The duo faced Kaien-tai on *WWF Jakked* ... Has defeated much bigger men in WLW ... Inspired by his mentor, Harley Race, to use the diving headbutt as his finishing move.

496 DANGO WYNN (5'11", 215, 4, 481) Began wrestling in NWA Wildside as the face-painted Gemini in 2000 ... Defeated most opponents in less than a minute ... Feuded with Silky Boom Boom ... Trained with Rob Van Dam and Sabu ... Hails from Van Dam's hometown of Battle Creek, Michigan.

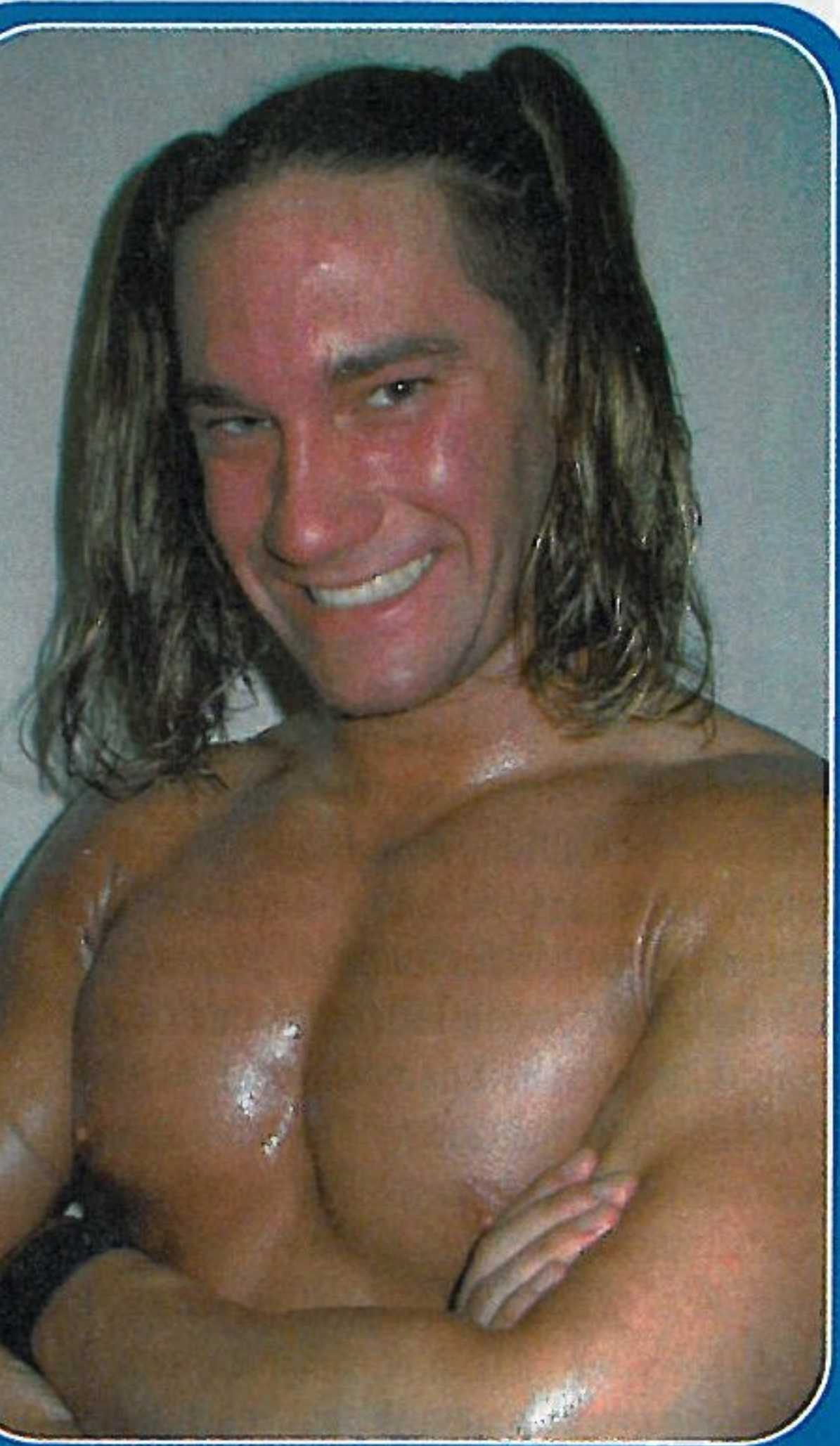
497 SEAN ROYAL (6'4", 250, 13, NL) Teams with Rusty Riddle in NWA Wildside ... They are as known as Total Destruction ... Royal and Riddle have defeated The Kohl Brothers and former NWA tag champs Rick Michaels and

David Young ... Total Destruction is known for its beer-drinking, redneck ways ... It's a far cry from Royal's futuristic gimmick in the late-1980s, as partner of Chris Champion (Sinn) in The New Breed ... Trained by Hiro Matsuda.

498 SUPREME LEE BREAT (5'9", 210, 2, NL) Competes throughout the Northeast and makes occasional appearances in Kentucky and Ten-

nessee ... Manhandled Tommy Suede's manager, Ariel, prompting a heated feud in World Xtreme Wrestling ... Defeated former WWF World champion Bob Backlund in a fantastic upset ... Has held the WXW cruiserweight and hardcore titles ... Named WXW Cruiserweight of the Year and received the WXW Mike Skills of the Year Award ... His finishing maneuvers are the dragon suplex and Supreme punishment, a cross between a Death Valley driver and a Ki crusher.

499 BILL MUDD (5'9", 230, 1, NL) Defeated Jeff Victory for the Extreme Coastal Championship Wrestling title in a retirement match held in a steel cage ... Victory returned to haunt Mudd in a new persona, Rev. Slim ... Competes in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia ... His finishing maneuver is the Mudd slide, a version of the spinebuster ... Combines brawling with some technical skills ... Reigned as North American Wrestling Alliance champ before the promotion became ECCW.



500 PEPPER PARKS (5'11", 185, 1, NL) Claims to be "the world's greatest heterosexual male cheerleader" ... Competed in the cruiserweight and tag team divisions of the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Aligned with The Jablonski Brothers, who provide muscle for Parks' mouth ... His neckbreaker off the top rope is devastating and visually spectacular.

Farewell to the 500

The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year's "PWI 500" came out, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, or retired. Still others have been dropped from this year's survey for other reasons.

Keys are as follows (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list throughout a major portion of the year; (I) inactive; (NC) name change; (NL) not listed; (R) retired.

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| Sid Vicious (DL) | The Artist (I) | Pierroth Jr. (NL) | Frank Murdoch (NL) | Rick Silver (NL) |
| Sting (I) | Rayo De Jalisco (NL) | Viscera (NL) | Ronnie Vegas (NL) | Torch (NL) |
| Vampiro (DL) | Chyna (NL) | Ace Steel (NL) | Greg Valentine (NL) | Brian Costello (NL) |
| Hulk Hogan (I) | Norman Smiley (NL) | Frank Stalletto (NL) | Ty Dalton (NL) | Dr. Feelgood (NL) |
| The Godfather (NC) | Rey Bucanero (NL) | Doug Gilbert (NL) | Otis Apollo (NL) | Jackie Anderson (NL) |
| H (DL) | Kaz Hayashi (NL) | Tony Mamaluke (NL) | The Mercenary (NL) | Franky the Mobster (NL) |
| Road Dogg (NL) | Bam Bam Bigelow (NL) | Tony DeVito (NL) | Shane Hooker (NL) | Mr. Excellent (NL) |
| Brian Christopher (NC) | Kiyoto Fuyuki (NL) | Headbanger Thrasher (NL) | Iron Cross (NL) | Merc the Cruiser (NL) |
| Tank Abbott (I) | The Wall (NL) | Slick Robbie D (NL) | Tommy Cairo (NL) | Diablos Macabre (NL) |
| Big Bossman (I) | Oriental (NL) | Danny Dominion (NL) | Dream Killer (NL) | Shane Shadows (NL) |
| Maunukea Mossman (NC) | Don Harris (NL) | Pimpinella Escarlotta (NL) | George Steele (NL) | Primo Carnera III (NL) |
| Psicosis (NC) | Ron Harris (NL) | Erich Sbraccia (NL) | Glen Kulka (NL) | Johnny Greco (NL) |
| Johnny Ace (R) | Shane Helms (NC) | Tony Anthony (NL) | Marc the Grizzly (NL) | Jon Rocker (NL) |
| Stevie Ray (R) | Abismo Negro (NL) | B.J. Payne (NL) | Jeff Victory (NC) | Jason Sensation (NL) |
| Meng (NC) | Wolf Hawkfield (NC) | Olympico (NL) | Ladies Choice (NL) | Geza Kalman (NL) |
| Dave Finlay (NL) | Micke Segura (NL) | Johnnie Stewart (NL) | Curtis Slamdawg (NL) | Billy Joe Eaton (NL) |
| The Blue Meanie (NC) | General Rection (NC) | Mark Shrader (NL) | Scorpion (NL) | Col. Corruption (NL) |
| Hacksaw Duggan (R) | Terry Funk (NL) | Twiggy Ramirez (NL) | Tony Golden (NL) | Maxx Crimson (NL) |
| Major Stash (NL) | K. Krush (NC) | Bill Wiles (NL) | Gutterboy (NL) | Rob Noxious (NL) |
| Colorado Kid (NC) | Ernest Miller (NL) | Dory Funk Jr. (NL) | Chip Fairway (NL) | Horace the Pyschopath (NL) |
| Brian Knobs (NL) | Atsushi Onita (NL) | Marty Jannetty (NL) | Morgus the Maniac (NL) | Rob Ramer (NL) |
| Gangrel (I) | Charly Manson (NL) | Wolfie D (NL) | Jay Jaillette (NL) | Mael (NL) |
| The Barbarian (NL) | Mosco De La Merced (NL) | Nygma (NL) | Wolverine (NL) | Billy Bart (NL) |
| Mideon (NL) | Men's Teoh (NL) | Jerry Flynn (NL) | Jon Dahmer (NL) | Mohammed Kane (NL) |
| Stan Hansen (R) | Meng (NC) | Jesus Christobal (NL) | Big Slam (NL) | Switchblade (NL) |
| Viscera (I) | Antifaz Del Norte (NL) | Beau Dupp (NC) | Larry Destiny (NL) | Jackal (NL) |
| Headbanger Thrasher (NL) | Masato Yakushiji (NL) | Scotty Anton (NL) | Dangerboy Alfredo (NL) | Cremator (NL) |
| Jeff Peterson (DL) | Angel (NL) | Knuckles Nelson (NL) | Dino Bambino (NL) | Big Sexxy Bubba (NL) |
| Prodigy (NC) | Apolo Dantes (NL) | Maniaco (NL) | Brian Day (NL) | Troy Mest (NL) |
| Skyfire (NL) | Naohiro Hoshikawa (NL) | Cueball Carmichael (NL) | Kid Collins (NL) | Gemini (NL) |
| Jon Rocker (NC) | Johnny the Bull (NL) | Frenchy Riviera (NL) | Brian Rescue (NL) | Dorty Reid (NL) |
| Rick Ratchet (R) | Scorpio Jr. (NL) | Scotty Zappa (NL) | Billy Reil (NL) | Ryan Wing (NL) |
| Viper (R) | Jimmy Cicero (NL) | Boris Dragoff (NL) | Bobby Clancy (NL) | Ric Gunner (NL) |
| Thunder (NL) | Jamie Howard (NL) | Johnny Swinger (NL) | Hellraiser Blood (NL) | Ron Sutherland (NL) |
| Jeff Victory (NC) | Joe E. Legend (NC/NL) | Duke Droese (NL) | Danger (NL) | Eddie Valentine (NL) |
| Born Again Brawler (NC) | Zumbido (NL) | Hack Myers (NL) | Michael Firehouse (NL) | Chainz (NL) |
| Chrome (NC) | Steve Regal (NC) | Stan Lee (NL) | Don Carson (NL) | Chrome (NL) |
| Vance Vain (NC) | Steven Dunn (NL) | El Fuego (NL) | The Intimidator (NL) | Anthony McMurphy (NL) |
| Kenta Kobashi (NL) | Shane Eden (NL) | Prodigy (NL) | Joe Rules (NL) | Rick Michaels (NL) |
| Ric Flair (I) | Axl Rotten (NL) | Mike Anthony (NL) | Rob Carlin (NL) | Vance Vain (NL) |
| Kevin Nash (I) | Rodney (NC) | Harley Lewis (NL) | Jay Pumper (NL) | Jimmy Z (NL) |
| Shane Douglas (I) | Headbanger Mosh (NL) | Ian Rotten (NL) | Hellraiser Gutz (NL) | J.J. Perez (NL) |
| Universo Dos Mil (NL) | Pierre Carl Oulette (NL) | Golem the Giant (NL) | Corporal Robinson (I) | Primetime (NL) |
| Cibernetico (NL) | Tracey Smothers (NL) | Demolition Ax (NL) | Adam Flash (NL) | Terry King (NL) |
| Lex Luger (I) | Lou Marconi (NL) | Natrone Steele (NL) | Jimmy Snuka Jr (NL) | Joe Kane (NL) |
| Vito Lograsso (I) | Reno Riggins (NL) | Brian Logan (NL) | Anthony Adonis (NL) | |